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Hydraulic Elevator, by the Howard Iron Works.

The advantages of an elevator are no longer a matter of discussion, the question of their introduction now being almost entirely one of first cost and expense of running. The Howard Iron Works, of Buffalo, N. Y., are building a hydraulic elevator, illustrated upon this page, which, while it possesses all those provisions for safety, ease and speed of working which are absolutely essential in a first-class elevator, has many very important points of advantage in its mechanical details and method, cost of operation, etc. The motive power employed is water under pressure, taken from the street mains. In cases where there is no water service, a tank is placed in the roof and water is raised to it by a pump worked by compressed air. The machine consists of two cylinders, C C, placed upon the bed-plate, A A. Within these cylinders are pistons to which are attached the racks, B B. As these pistons rise and fall, the racks move up and down, turning the pinions, E E, shaft, G G and the winding drum, H. The shaft is carried by the pillow blocks, D D. V V are the pulleys of the valves through which water is admitted and allowed to escape from the cylinders. A machine of the style shown takes up a floor space of 4 feet by 7; a one-cylinder machine, 3 feet by 4. The foundation is laid with common stone in water lime, and anchors are walled in for the reception of the bed plate. The top of the foundation is left about 2 feet below the floor line. The bed plate is a cast iron frame with water inlet for each cylinder, and is bolted to the foundation. The cylinders made of cast iron, tested at 300 lbs. to the square inch, are from 18 to 36 inches in diameter, and 4 1/2 to 6 feet high, according to the work they have to perform. For sizes above 24 inches diameter, 2 rack bars and pinions are used in each cylinder. They are bored parallel and polished to save the packing from wearing, and are secured with bolts to the bed plate. The top is left open. Pillow blocks are secured to the top of cylinder and lined with anti-friction steel rollers, so as to get the full benefit of the water pressure. The piston is solid, with an automatic air valve for allowing any air to escape which the water may carry in. The packing is a cup leather, same as used in hydraulic presses, and forms the tightest joint. The rack is made of steel, with flange cast on each side of the teeth. The bottom is bolted firmly to the piston. The back of the rack is held to the pinion by a roller. The pinion is made of cast steel and covers the shaft the entire length between the pillow blocks, which prevents the shaft from springing. The shaft is also made of steel. The winding drum is made from 4 to 8 feet in diameter, grooved to receive the ropes. The valves are balanced, without any packing, operated from the car or platform, and graduated so as not to have a sudden stop and start, which would bring an extra strain on the water pipes. They open and shut gradually. The elevator can be run at any speed from 50 to 100 feet per minute. The quantity of water used is stated by the manufacturers to vary with the load raised. Much advantage is claimed in placing the cylinders in a vertical position in preventing dirt or sand in the water from cutting the cylinders. Automatic lubrication of the pistons is obtained by allowing a small quantity of oil to float upon the water within the cylinder on top of the piston. Not requiring a steam engine or an engineer, these hydraulic elevators can be used in a great many situations where the steam engine cannot be used, especially as skilled attendance of any kind is not needed.

The Oil Region of Tennessee.

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The oil territory of Tennessee occupies the extreme southern end of the great oil belt which extends in a southwesterly direction from Ontario, Canada, through New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and, as far as known, terminating in Tennessee. The belt widens out at both extremities, bearing to the westward in Canada around Lake Erie, and spreading out laterally in Tennessee, so as to comprise Dickson and Hickman counties lying west of Nashville.

The following counties are included or supposed to be included in the oil region of Tennessee, viz.: Overton, Clay, Putnam, Fentress, Jackson, Trousdale, Sumner, Davidson, Dickson and Hickman. In all these some petroleum has been found. But by far the most numerous indications have been met with in the counties of Overton, Putnam, Clay and Fentress, all of which lie at the western foot, and even include a part of the Cumberland table-land.

This belt belongs mainly to that natural division of the State called the Highland Rim, which surrounds like the rim of a plate the great silurian limestone basin in which Nashville is situated. For the most part the formations of the oil region pertain to the subcarboniferous, though the streams have cut deep channels through this formation and the devonian black shale, to the Cincinnati or Nashville group of the lower silurian. The devonian age in the Tennessee oil region, unlike that of Pennsylvania, has but one representative, and that corresponds to the Hamilton black shale of

New York. The Corniferous, Marcellus, Portage, Chemung and Catskill are all wanting; also the whole of the upper silurian formations. The upper silurian appears west of Nashville, and to a limited extent in the western part of Sumner county north-east of Nashville, where the meniscus gray limestone of the Niagara epoch is present in considerable volume, estimated at 120 feet in thickness. It thins out further eastward, and totally disappears in the oil belt of Tennessee.

The coal measures cap the highest points in the eastern part of the oil region, and are also met with near the crests of such isolated peaks as Pilot Knob and Alpine Mountain, both outliers of the Cumberland table-land, but separated from it by profoundly eroded chasms. The subcarboniferous, consisting of two groups—the mountain limestone and silicious group—has a widespread development, the mountain limestone, about 400 feet thick, occurring in limited areas, forming benches on the slopes of the Cumberland table-land and its outliers, and also appearing on the sides of the terrace lands, which occupy a considerable part of the county. The silicious group covers fully three-fourths

Above Waterloo Falls the silicious limestone prevails.

Immediately below the sub-carboniferous comes the devonian black shale, highly charged with petroleum and fissured by numerous vertical crevices, which make it resemble, where exposed, a tessellated floor. It is seldom met with as a top formation. A few limited areas, where it appears as such, may be found near the mouth of Eagle Creek, where there are several oil springs, and in the beds of some of the streams as they approach Obeyes and Cumberland rivers. It is, however, a very persistent formation, and may always be found throughout the State in its proper geological horizon. Its usual thickness in the Tennessee oil region is from 26 to 35 feet.

The Cincinnati or Nashville group of the lower silurian presents itself in the beds or inclosing banks of the principal streams as they approach the Cumberland River.

As might be inferred from the great diversity of geological formations, the topographical features are striking, and show variety in an eminent degree. There are rugged heights, rolling plains, level plateaus, rocky gorges and deep sunk valleys, and

Having given the general geological features and topographical outlines of the central oil region, it remains to give a few general facts in reference to the oil wells which have been bored and the oil springs which are found in numerous localities in this oil region. On Spring Creek the productive wells were sunk near the eastern margin of that stream, in a low, flat place inclined to be swampy. An expanse of rolling land spreads out eastwardly for about three miles. On the southeast and northeast, spurs rise to the height of 100 feet or more, showing on their sides thick ledges of the St. Louis limestone. Beyond these spurs on the east the gray outlines of the Cumberland table-land appear, giving grandeur and beauty to the scene.

This oil valley is 3 1/2 miles long by three-quarters of a mile wide. Its elevation above the sea is about 960 feet. All the wells bored at this place were commenced about 175 feet above the black shale.

Eleven wells were bored within an area of 150 acres, but all the productive wells could have been inclosed within an area of 5 acres. Oil was found in two or more zones, one at from 10 to 20 feet below the surface, and the other (by far the most productive

ful in their iridescence, displaying in the light all the colors of the rainbow. At this place many gallons may be collected in a day. The oil-saturated sand extends for the distance of 100 yards or more.

Still lower down the stream, and one mile above its union with East Fork, the mass of slimy mud on the side of the stream is thoroughly saturated with petroleum. By pushing a stick down in this mud, gas and petroleum ascend to the surface from the spongy mass. The very atmosphere at this place is redolent of petroleum, and one can scarcely touch the earth for a space of several hundred feet without having his olfactory organs offended by the odor of the oil. The formations here agree precisely with those at the Koger farm. The Waverly sandstone appears on the heights above in some greater thickness, and one layer of sandstone a foot thick is found interstratified with the Keokuk shales, which here take the place of the silicious rocks.

Franklin Creek is in Fentress county, and runs west, emptying into Obeyes River. It is about three miles long. One mile above its mouth there is a gravelly bar which is steeped and saturated in petroleum. The bubbles look as though they had been immersed or boiled in petroleum. The oil is above the black shale.

At one place only is it found in the black shale, and that is on Trammells Creek in Sumner county. Here oil was found at the distance of 30 feet in the black shale. It was a very heavy lubricating oil.

In Dickson county, West of Nashville, oil is found in Nashville rocks at the depth of 542 feet. The following conclusions may be deduced from the facts presented:

1. That petroleum in Tennessee is not confined to any particular formation, but finds its storage in the crevices of the silicious rocks of the lower carboniferous, as on Spring Creek; in the Nashville rocks, as on Eagle Creek; at Butlers' Landing, and in Dickson county west of Nashville. The springs or natural outlets show a similar range of formations. At Spring Creek oil exudes from the alluvial deposits lying above the lower member of the silicious group; on Koger's farm, on West Fork, from alluvium based upon layers of shaly limestone; on Eagle Creek and Franklin Creek, from fluvial deposits resting on the black shale; on Obeyes River, just below the mouth of Franklin Creek, from beneath the black shale, and at numerous places from this point down to the mouth of the river, oil bubbles up from the Nashville rocks.

2. The conditions of storage in the Tennessee oil region are not so favorable for the preservation of petroleum as they are in the oil region of Pennsylvania. In Tennessee the oil finds a lodgment only in the crevices of rocks lying above or below the black shale, rarely in the black shale. The wells will probably soon be exhausted. There is wanting a porous, absorptive sandstone surrounded by an impervious formation to prevent leakage. The unusual number of oil springs shows that nature has not provided sufficient storage for her precious products. The remains of organic life, animal and vegetable, disseminated through argillaceous material, constitute in abundance the elements necessary for generating petroleum, but the provisions to prevent wastage are inadequate.

Owing to the absence of porous sandstone, the oil supply in Tennessee, as has been stated, is collected in fissures or cavities, forming subterranean oil lakes which are soon emptied. There will probably be proportionably more wells known as "spouters" in the Tennessee than in the Pennsylvania oil region, and fewer durable wells. In the "spouters" the oil is forced up above the surface by gas pressure.

Three conditions are necessary antecedents to a productive oil region.

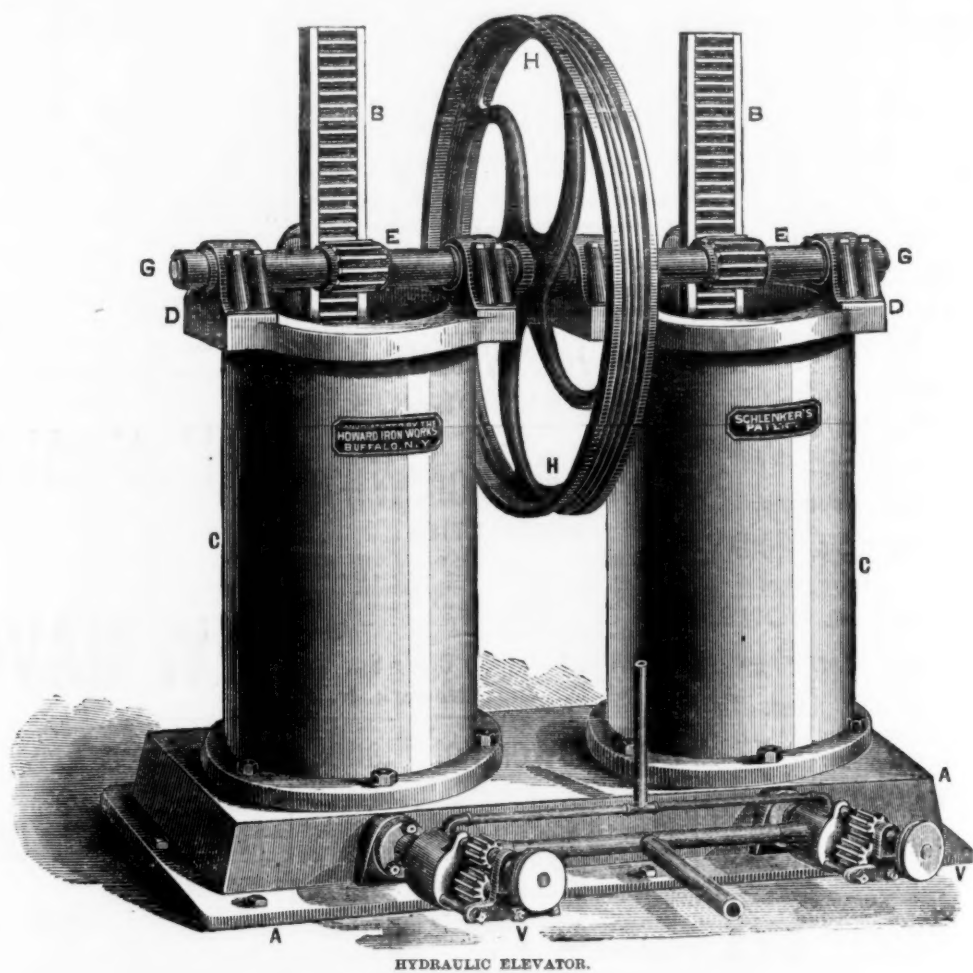
1. There must be the elements for generating oil, or, in other words, a mother rock.
2. There must be an ample storehouse provided, either in the interstices of a porous sandstone, which is best, or in cavities in limestone or fissures in or between other strata.
3. These storehouses must be sealed up in an impervious formation, but this impervious surrounding must include both the mother or generating rock and the storage rocks, and not come between them.

Petroleum may be generated and lost for want of a suitable reservoir to collect and preserve it; or there may be a reservoir but no elements existing for its generation; or there may be both of these, but the want of an impervious surrounding may permit the oil to dribble away as fast as formed.

All these conditions must coexist or a productive oil field is impossible.

The most difficult problem to solve is how the oil is generated, or from whence it comes, that is found in the cavities of a hard, impervious, flinty rock which shows no remains of organic life. But one solution presents itself to my mind, that the places now occupied by these cavities may have been filled with organic matter which has been transmuted into petroleum in nature's lampless laboratory.

United States Minister Pierrepont, and the Earl of Derby, Secretary of State for the Foreign Department, have signed a treaty between the United States and Great Britain regarding trade-marks and trade-labels. The treaty was sent to America on the 25th ult.



of the belt, and is the foundation for the clay uplands. This group has two members: 1st. The lithostratification or coral bed; 2d. The lower silicious or protean bed, which underlies the first. The lithostratification or coral bed covers extensive areas, and may be always known by the presence of a fossil coral (*lithostratification canodense*) resembling a "petrified hornet's nest." This formation is also always characterized by the presence of sink holes showing the existence of underground channels. The town of Livingston is built upon a bed of this coral. This bed is about 200 feet thick, and its top layers consist often of heavy bedded grayish limestone, known as the St. Louis limestone. Some of it is highly crystalline, and makes a respectable marble. The lower silicious or protean bed, about 270 feet thick, covers all the region around Spring Creek, at which place the greatest quantity of oil has been obtained; also the undulating lands south of Livingston and the flat lands on the west. It displays itself in frequent depressions in the north and northwestern portions of the county. It takes numerous forms; sometimes its top layers are a fine grained, exceedingly porous, yellowish sandstone. This often overlies a limestone, bluish, fetid, crinoidal. Oftentimes for this limestone is substituted another layer exceedingly silicious, filled with nodules of chert or interstratified with thin and thick layers of the same material. These cherty layers sometimes displace the calcareous material altogether. Again, the Keokuk shales, hard, bluish, thin and calcareous, usurp the place of the sandstone, grayish limestone and cherty layers, and form a continuous shaly bed 250 feet thick. This is the case on Eagle Creek in the north-eastern part of the county. The bluffs below Waterloo Falls on Spring Creek are composed of a great thickness of a crinoidal limestone, in which crinoidal buttons and stems form a considerable part of the mass. The same is true with some of the bluffs on Obeyes River.

coves sheltered between the massive walls of towering hills. The Cumberland table-land has scooped edges displaying a very rugged contour, steep escarpments, sloping sides roughened by shapeless boulders. The sides of the mountain are furrowed by many a stream. Chasms great and terrible, profound in their depths and striking in their suddenness, form one of the principal features of the western mountain. Spurs shoot out for many a mile into the lower plains. Many of these are dissected by transverse gorges having isolated peaks nearly or quite as high as the Cumberland mountain itself. The top of the mountain has all the characteristics peculiar to this division of the State—that is to say, level areas on the summit, a thin soil resting upon a conglomerate sandstone, from the crumbling down of which it has been derived; scraggy timber, open vistas, freestone and chalybeate water. Two or three seams of good coal are usually found under this cap of conglomerate rocks interstratified with shales and sandstones. The land is thinly wooded, the surface covered usually in summer with a luxuriant growth of native grasses and pea vines, and furnishing a large amount of highway pasture. But few habitations are found here, and this part of the oil region is almost as wild as when the Indian roamed in all his fearless independence through its silent forests.

Upon this mountain there is every condition of health. There is a life-giving property in the atmosphere that imparts elasticity to the frame, giving joy to the heart and animation to the soul. The mind and body receive a new vitality by being bathed in this pure mountain air, which produces an exhilaration of spirits beyond that of any drugs. Consumption never occurs here. The time is not now, but it will come, when the edges of this mountain will be covered with the palaces of the rich and the cottages of the poor, who will come to enjoy the perpetual delight of breathing the mountain air

zone) from 51 to 60 feet. Probably 20,000 barrels of oil flowed from two wells (underground lakes in the lower silicious formation), some others yielding a less quantity. Out of the 11 wells bored 5 were productive and 6 were dry holes. Three facts stand out quite prominently in the records of the borings on Spring Creek:

- 1st. The area of the oil was very limited.
- 2d. All the oil was obtained from the crevices or cavities of a hard silicious rock 112 to 155 feet above the black shale.
- 3d. The subterranean crevices or caverns had for the most part no connection with one another, but were distinct, each one holding its treasured supply of oil, and oftentimes occurring one immediately above the other.

Passing now in a northerly direction through Livingston and beyond some 10 miles, on the waters of West Fork, we enter upon an oil region only known by its wastage. The West Fork flows its way down through the St. Louis limestones, Waverly sandstones and Keokuk shales. The bluffs rise, for the most part, abruptly from the water's edge, with occasionally narrow strips of bottom land. The stream is one of great rapidity.

Koger's farm, upon which the oil indications are most numerous, is within 4 miles of the mouth of West Fork. The bluffs on the river show a succession of wrinkles, and the limestones are soft and much eroded by atmospheric and pluvial agencies. At places they are vesicular and cavernous. The hills are oftentimes sloping and covered by a coating of unctious clay.

There is a small bottom about 115 feet wide, running up and down West Fork. The sands of this bottom are thoroughly saturated with oil. By sinking a hole anywhere in this small strip, or in the bed of the stream, petroleum rises to the surface in brownish or bluish disks, which float away on the surface of the stream. The bluish disks are beauti-

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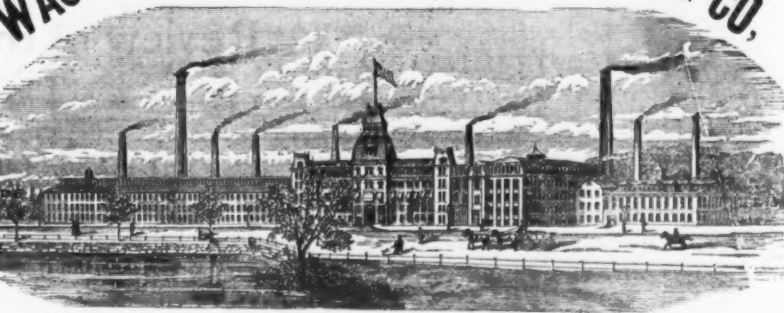
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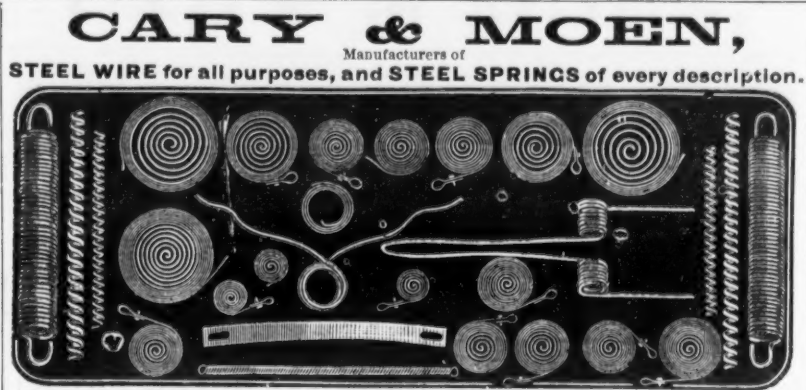
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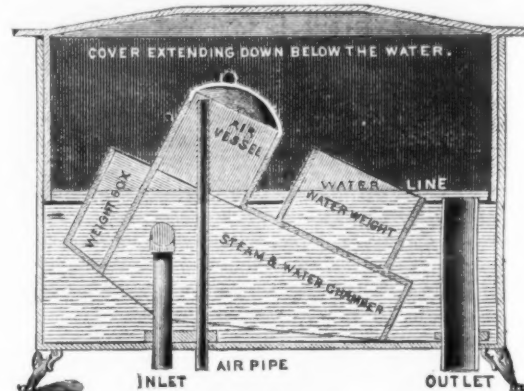
Labor Schools in Europe.

A remarkable report has lately been published by the University of Cambridge, England, on the subject of industrial education. Premising that since workingmen cannot come to the university, it is the university's duty to go to them, it proposes to open a course of specific training, not for the so-called liberal professions, or for middlemen of any kind, but for the veritable producers—in other words, for the working class. This design is worthy of an institution which, since the days of the Long Parliament, has been outspoken in the expression of

fruit in Switzerland, although the system of rudimentary instruction is singularly efficient. There exists, it is true, what is known as an Industrial School, where a pupil gains some acquaintance with the theory of the applied sciences, but very little help toward the practical mastery of a given craft or calling. In Italy, too, not much has been accomplished for the professional education of those producers who form the mass of its population.

Notwithstanding many projects brought forward at the epochs of its various revolutions, France, as a nation, has done almost nothing in the way of providing a substitute for the old system of apprenticeship which passed away with the *ancien regime*. She seems to have taken thought for everything except skilled labor. Her unrivaled assemblage of art, scientific and professional schools, is supplemented by a score of special institutions whose graduates are qualified to direct every species of industrial and agricultural enterprise, and by a number of business colleges framed on the model of the *Ecole Polytechnique*, whose pupils are fitted for the several branches of foreign and domestic trade. But of schools for workmen the State has none, if we except the establishment founded by the Sardinian government and transferred to France upon the annexation of Savoy and Nice. It is true that a few municipalities have created apprentice schools, but their number is extremely limited. Paris has only one institution of the kind—the apprentice school of the Boulevard de la Villette. This, however, merits special attention, because, according to Prof. Stuart of Cambridge University, it presents the most perfect type of an industrial academy. We may add that at his suggestion a fac-simile of it is about to be organized in England.

The single object of this school, first opened in 1873, is to produce intelligent and skillful workmen. The specific callings for which its pupils are trained are those of



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popular sympathies and steadfast in promoting reform.

Since the decay of the old apprentice system, very little has been done for the education of labor. It is plain that the establishments known under the name of ragged schools scarcely belong to the class of industrial seminaries. As their title indicates, these institutions receive the children of poor parents, or orphans, afford them lodging and nourishment, and employ them in various trades. The extreme youth of these children—they graduate, as a rule, at the age of 15—prevents them from receiving a substantial technical training. On the other hand, considerable progress has been made in this direction by certain countries on the Continent, and some examples specially worthy of imitation are pointed out in this report.

Industrial schools seem to be quite numerous in the German empire and Austria, in Denmark, Sweden, Holland and Belgium. They are generally known as "apprentices' workshops," but they combine theoretical with practical instruction, and presuppose graduation from primary schools. In Belgium, pupils are admitted from the age of 12, or even earlier, if they can show the requisite measure of elementary knowledge. The articles made in the shops are sold for the account of those who furnish the raw material, and the latter are indemnified for damage occasioned by unpracticed hands. A point to be noted in the Belgian system is the payment to the pupils of a small stipend, by way of compensation to straightened families dependent to some extent on the earnings of their younger members.

In Holland, the most important technical academies for producers are those of Amsterdam. The school for boys, founded in 1861 by the "Society of the Working Classes," is designed to train workmen for those trades which are connected with architecture and ship building. The course of instruction lasts three years, and includes—besides certain studies supplementary of primary acquirements—the elements of metrics, of mechanics and natural history, the art of drawing, the study of tools and materials, carpentry, masonry, the use of the lathe and the forge. The pupils must be at least 13 years of age, and have received a good elementary education. They are required to pay an annual fee which does not exceed, however, \$13. There is likewise a training school for girls in Amsterdam, whose management has been attended with good results, because it has avoided the common error of wasting time on lady-like accomplishments. Special attention is paid to the commercial applications of the art of design to dressmaking, tailoring, and lace making, and to those branches of knowledge requisite for the preparation and vending of drugs. Girls are admissible to this institution at the age of 12 and pay a fee of \$21.

In Scandinavia and the German empire, the apprentice schools differ only in some details of small importance from those above described. We merely note that they are government institutions, whereas in Vienna, Prague, and throughout Austria the industrial academies were created by private enterprise, although they receive a subsidy from the State. Passing to other countries, we find the idea of technical training for the working classes has borne but meager

workers in iron and workers in wood. Boys are admitted between the ages of 13 and 16, after an examination which has regard to orthography, arithmetic and the metric system. Not only is tuition gratuitous, but deserving students receive once a fortnight a certain compensation for their labor, varying from 40 cents to a dollar. The period of apprenticeship is three years. During the first two years a day's labor includes 6 hours in the workshop and 5 in the class, while for the last year it means 8 hours of practice with tools and 3 hours of study. Among other judicious features of the plan, we may note that during the first twelve-month the pupil passes one or two months alternately in each of the specialties taught, so that he can determine which suits his taste, while the directors can observe his aptitude. Only at the beginning of the second year does the apprentice, with the advice of his parents and teachers, decide upon a given trade, to which thenceforward he devotes himself exclusively.

The creation of this school would have been impracticable during the second empire, and under the existing regime it has encountered many obstacles. Yet its progress has been remarkable. The number of apprentices, which four years ago was 17, is now nearly 200. But it was the quality of the education conferred which most impressed Prof. Stuart. Two things commonly supposed to be irreconcilable in practice had been effected. In the class which had just completed a three years' course he found each graduate, in the most exacting sense, a skilled workman. Not only this, but he found these apprentices had acquired an amount of general knowledge at least equal to that bestowed by most business colleges, and of a kind far more pertinent to the affairs of life than that demanded by a degree of Bachelor of Arts. In other words, the young workman had gone forth from this admirable school at once a producer and a citizen.

Ironclads should be handled about as carefully as glass when the mercury is many degrees below zero. The Russian government is bemoaning the folly of the Grand Duke Constantine in not realizing the effect that would probably result from the vibrations of cannon firing on board of a monitor when the iron composing the hull and machinery was under the influence of a severe frost. Last winter, when the Baltic was frozen over, and solid ice kept the Russian fleet still and motionless within the harbor at Cronstadt, the Grand Duke, fearing the crew of the ironclad Peter the Great would be unprepared for any emergency which might occur in the spring, issued orders for the officers and men to pass through a series of gun drill. Three out of the four 35-ton guns belonging to the monitor had been dispatched to the Black Sea for the defense of Odessa, so that the practice could only be carried on with one. The result of the firing has been made apparent in the discovery of the porosity of the hull, the cracking of cylinders and the fracturing of other portions of the machinery. A committee of naval experts examined the boat and experienced no difficulty in arriving at the cause of its terribly damaged state. There was an Arctic temperature of 40 and even 50 deg. below zero at Cronstadt very frequently last winter.

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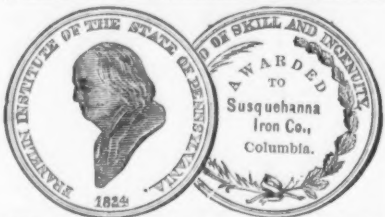
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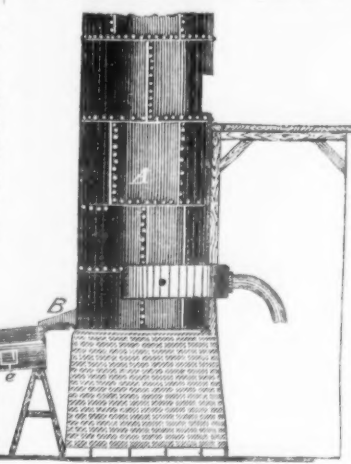
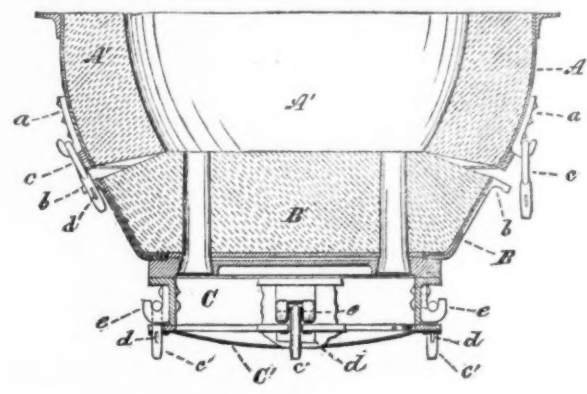
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New Patents.

We take from the records of the Patent
Office in Washington the following specifica-
tions of certain patents, lately issued, which
will be found interesting:IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF IRON
AND STEEL.Specification forming part of Letters Pat-
ent No. 174,682, issued to James J. John-
ston, of Columbiana, Ohio.This invention consists in purifying molten
cast iron by allowing it to flow in a series of
fine streams into a liquid solution, consisting
of water in which is dissolved the nitrate of
soda, to which is added pulverized oxide of
iron or other metallic oxide as detersive and
oxidizing agents, and subsequently subject-
ing the iron thus purified and refined to heat,
after which it is formed into balls and then
subjected to the squeezing, rolling, or ham-
mering process.

Fig. 1.—IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF IRON AND STEEL.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1
represents a side elevation of a cupola or
smelting furnace, and a section of a reservoir
for the purifying, refining, oxidizing
and detersive solution, said reservoir being
provided with a trough furnished with a
series of apertures, said trough and reservoir
being arranged in juxtaposition with relation
to the spout of a cupola or smelting furnace.
Fig. 2 is a vertical and longitudinal section
of the heating furnace.A represents a cupola or smelting furnace,
and B its spout. C represents the trough
leading from the spout over the reservoir f,
and is provided with a large number of small
apertures, D. In the end of the trough C,
next to the spout of the cupola or smelting
furnace, is arranged an abutment, e. The
interior of the trough C is lined with loam
clay, which is coated with pulverized iron
ore. Having the trough thus coated and
thoroughly dried, it is arranged over the
reservoir, and the reservoir arranged with
relation to the cupola or furnace as repre-
sented in Fig. 1. Then dissolve, in sufficient
water to fill the reservoir, nitrate of soda,
adding about 1 pound of soda to every 5 gal-
lons of water, and then adding to this solu-
tion finely pulverized oxide of iron (iron ore),
adding about 2 pounds of it to every 5 gal-
lons of the aforesaid solution. Then tap the
cupola or furnace and allow the molten metal
to flow into the trough C. The molten metal,
striking against the abutment e, will spread
over the bottom of the trough, and will pass
through the apertures D in a series of fine
streams, and, falling into the solution, will
be purified, refined and granulated, care be-
ing taken to thoroughly stir and agitate the
solution during the time the molten metal isOn the outside of shell B, around its upper
edge, and corresponding to the lugs a, are
placed lugs b, each having a square shoulder
with an open slot. The under side of the
shoulder may have a groove as a seat for
the key wedge. These two portions are
united by means of the loop-headed bolts c,
the loop passing over the lug-hook a, whilethe shank slips into the open slot of lug b,
after which the key d is driven home.The cover C' of the air chamber is clamped
in a similar manner, except that the bolts c
are T-headed, and the lugs e are slotted to
form a seat for the shank, and a bearing on
each side for the T-head. In other respects
the two fastenings are alike.Thus constructed, in assembling and unit-
ing the parts there is no necessity for such
nicety of adjustment before lowering away

IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR BESSEMER CONVERTER SECTIONS.

at the crane, and no possibility of breakage.
If a bolt fail to enter its slot, it is simply
pushed out of its seat. Or the bolts may all
be unshipped and thrown on the ground till
the sections are brought together, when a
few moments suffice for attaching them and
driving the keys. If any of them should
accidentally break, another can be had to
take its place without the delay of riveting
or other fastening.

Altogether, the operation of uniting the

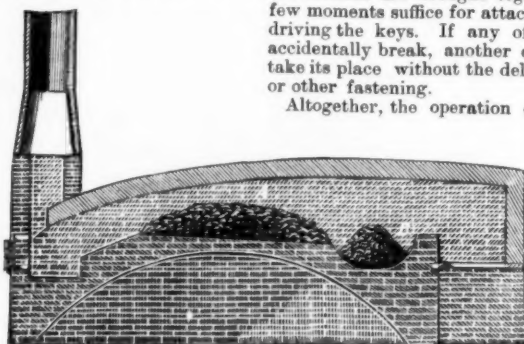
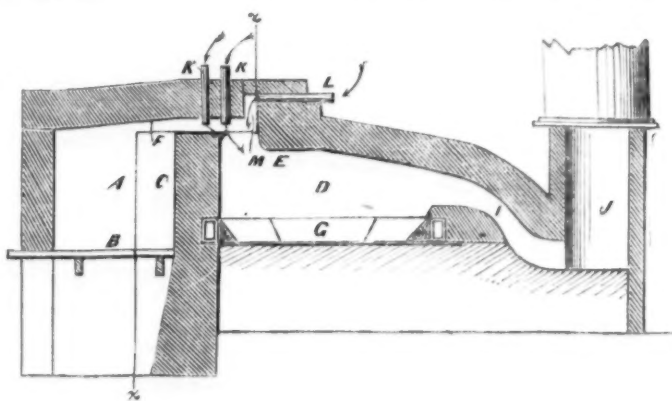


Fig. 2.

flowing into it. The purified, refined and
granulated metal is then removed from the
reservoir and placed on the hearth A' of the
furnace, represented in Fig. 2, where it is
subjected to heat, bringing it to a friable
condition, after which it is gradually worked
down into chamber B of the said furnace,
where it is formed into balls, which are
withdrawn from the furnace and subjected
to the squeezing, rolling or hammering pro-
cess, for the purpose of forming blooms or
"muck bar," which are afterward treated
and manipulated in the usual manner and by
the ordinary means, for the purpose of form-
ing merchantable iron.Claim.—1. The process of manufacturing
iron and steel, consisting in running the
molten cast iron into a bath of water holding
nitrate of soda in solution, and a metallic
oxide in suspension, as detersive and con-
verting agents.2. The process of manufacturing steel,
consisting in running the molten cast iron
into a bath of water with nitrate of soda
and a metallic oxide to granulate the iron,
and then subjecting the iron so treated to
heat while imbedded in charcoal.IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR BESSEMER
CONVERTER SECTIONS.Specification forming part of Letters Pat-
ent No. 185,783, issued to William R. Jones,
of Braddock's Field.The invention relates to the construction
of devices for readily uniting or displacing
the bottom of Bessemer converters and the
air chamber cover from the bottom, and con-
sists of either a T or loop-headed bolt, the
head seated on a lug or lugs on one section
of the converter, and the shank passing
through an open flange or lug on the other
section, beyond which the usual key-wedge
is driven through the bolt shank.In the drawing A is the shell of the main
section of the bulb, A' its lining. B is the
shell of bottom section, and B' its lining,
having the tyure holes for the blast. C is
the air chamber casing, and C' its cover.On the outside of shell A, around its
lower edge, are placed lugs a, each having
an upwardly turned end, forming a hook,of the roof or crown E of the furnace, while
the roof F of the fire chamber is raised
above that of the furnace chamber, its under
or inner surface being, by preference, about
on a level with the top or outside of the roof
of the furnace. A low passage-way, for the
gases and other products of combustion, com-
municating between the two chambers, is
thus formed between the top of the elevated
bridge wall and the bottom or under side of
the fire chamber roof, above the level of the
bottom or under side of the roof of the fur-
nace chamber, thus confining the products
of combustion within narrow limits on their
way from the fire chamber to the furnace
chamber, and insuring the thorough com-
mingle with them of the air passing in by
the pipes. The furnace may be provided
either with a puddling chamber, G, or a bot-
tom for heating the iron for working, or it
may be constructed as a smelting or boiling
furnace. The chamber terminates, as usual,
by a neck, I, in a stack, J. To insure the
complete combustion of its gases and other
unconsumed inflammable products which
ascend from the fuel to the top of the
elevated bridge wall C, air pipes, K, are
inserted through the roof of the fire cham-
ber over the bridge, or in front of it, (the
front referring to that side next the furnace
chamber), or both over and in front of it,
as shown, while horizontal pipes, L, enter
through the roof of the furnace into a space
or chamber, M.Instead of pipes, perforated tiles or chan-
nels formed in the roof would answer.The air supply pipes are shown as arranged
at right angles to each other; but it is
obvious that, instead of being so arranged,
and entering vertically and horizontally,
they may be inclined somewhat, and their
angle to one another varied from that shown
in the drawings.From the foregoing description it will be
seen that as the gases and other products of
combustion pass from the fire chamber and
over the bridge, they are forced to take a
downward course on their way to the stack
to escape, and draw in air to support and
complete combustion, with the beneficialeffects which are well known in furnaces of
this class. By the construction and relative
arrangement of the bridge, the fire chamber
roof, and the furnace roof, with the air
chamber formed between the two roofs, the
air is forcibly drawn in through the pipes or
openings for its admission and carried down-
ward with the draft, to thoroughly mingle
with the inflammable gases, &c.Should the heat become too intense, caps,
placed over some or all of the pipes, shut off
the air, and reduce the heat in the furnace
chamber, the heat of which may thus be
regulated at will. Valves might also be used
for this purpose.Claim.—1. The combination, with induct
pipes, of the transverse air chamber, into
which they discharge, situated above and in
front of the fire bridge, and at the juncture
of the fire and furnace chamber roofs.2. The metallurgic furnace, constructed
as hereinbefore described, with short verti-
cal pipes entering through the fire chamber
roof to the narrow draft passage above the
fire bridge, a transverse air chamber in front
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directly with said draft passage, and short
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furnace chamber D, or furnace proper,
extends higher than usual, as shown by the
drawings, its top extending fully to a level
with, and, preferably, above, the under sidearound the rim, 750 revolutions; 5 feet in
diameter, or 15 feet around the rim, 600
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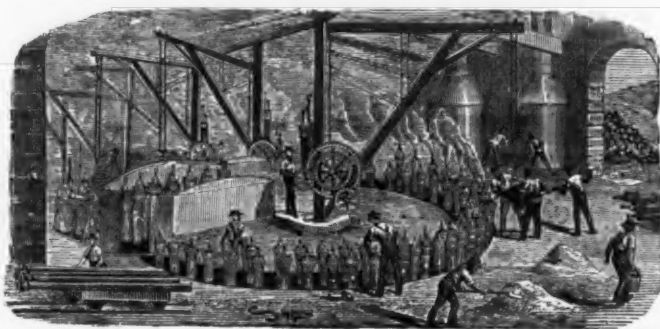
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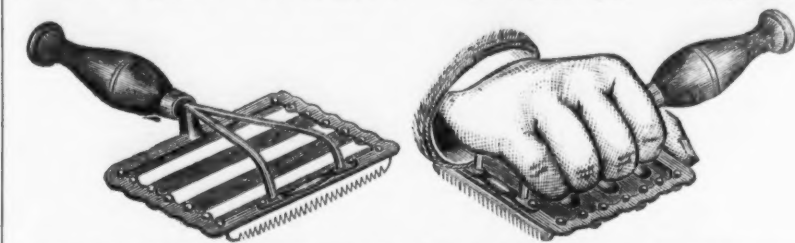
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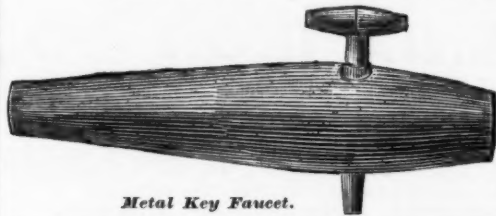
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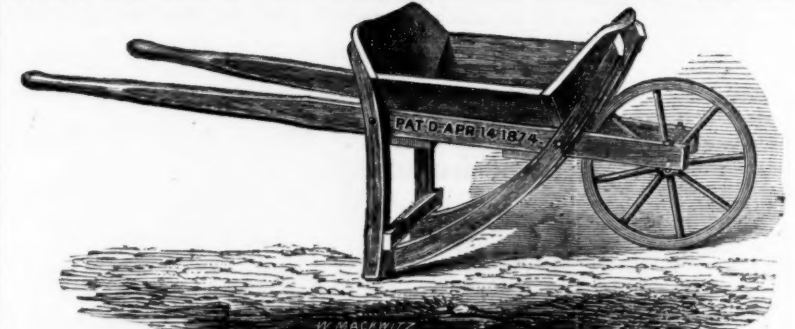
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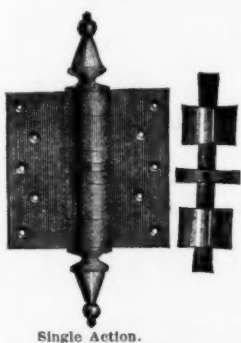
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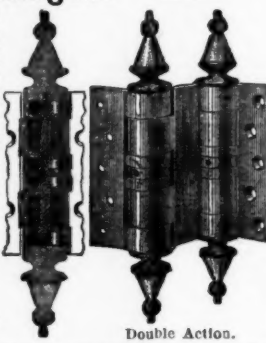
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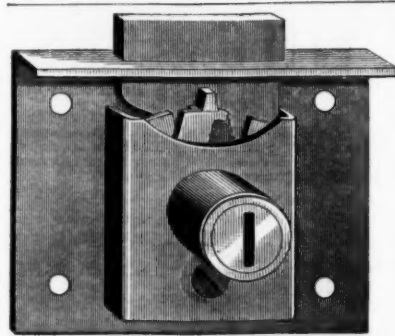
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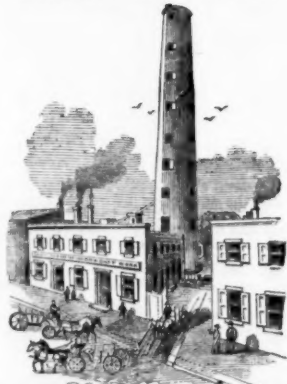
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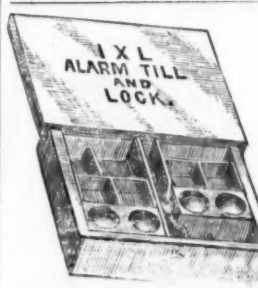
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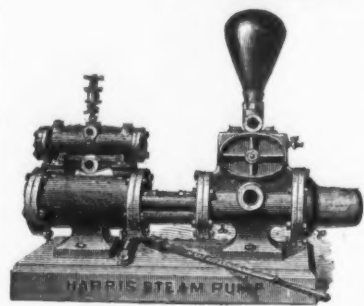
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Productions.**

The following is an abstract of a lecture before the Sheffield School of Art, by Mr. Wm. Bragge, F. S. A.:

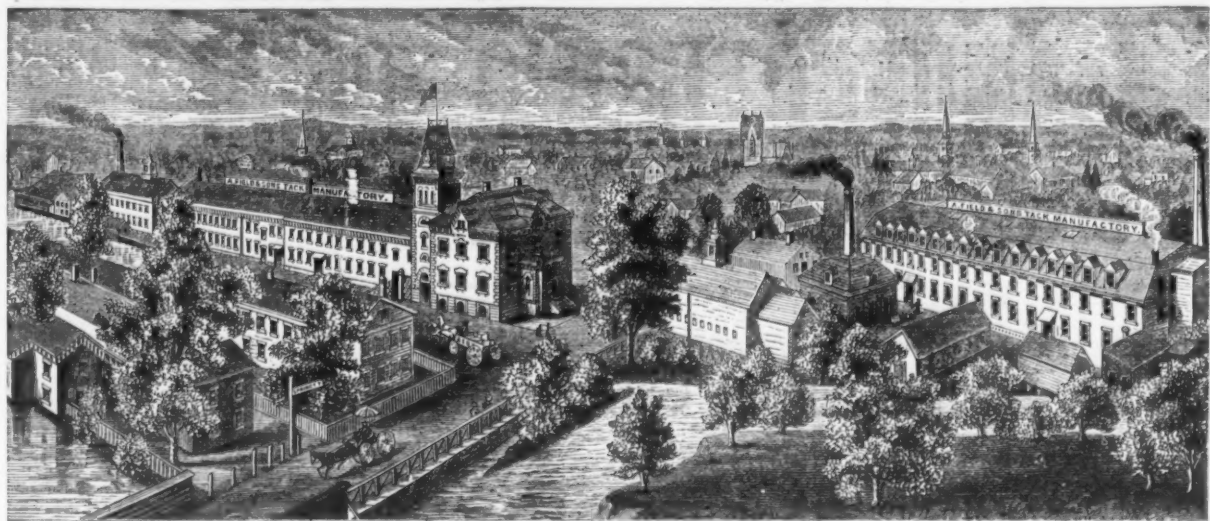
Last year Mr. Poynter, the president of the Art section of the Social Science Congress, held at Liverpool, in his address to the congress objected to the "Castellani" collection of Italian jewelry being sent to Birmingham on loan, because cheap and inferior copies would there be made mechanically, and in this objection Mr. Poynter embodied and expressed a very common idea—that mechanical work cannot be artistic work.

How far this is true I shall endeavor briefly to show, and I may at once state that I shall claim for all mechanical appliances the right and privilege of assisting in our art manufactures. I am prepared at once to admit that the enormous industrial progress of this country during the present century has really done very little for art. Our manufacturers have, almost to the present time, given their whole attention to economy and rapidity of production, and the public taste has not been elevated by the style of the articles produced. But allowing that in past and even at the present time, the taste and skill of the artist have been lost—sacrificed to the ingenuity and contrivances of the mechanic—we surely need not conclude that art cannot become an ordinary adjunct to mechanical reproduction. We know well that in many manufactures carried on by us to-day our best models in design, as well as in material, are those bequeathed to us by workers who lived centuries ago, whose mechanical appliances were of the simplest and rudest character; and it is with some sense of humiliation that we are bound to confess ourselves unable to equal not merely the works of three or four centuries ago of European civilization, but even of those of the present day, produced by nations which we are conceited enough to call savage. Let us take a few examples of the arts and manufactures of old time and compare them with those of the present day. Have we improved in the art of printing since its invention, 400 years ago? or in the art of paper-making of 600 years ago? In quality, certainly not. We are bound to remember that to-day an ordinary edition of a newspaper is printed on both sides in quantity sufficient to cover an acre in the same or less time than Caxton or Gutenberg required for the production of a single sheet. We produce paper now in continuous rolls of many hundreds of yards in length, and with a rapidity commensurate with the voracious requirements of the steam printing press; but no paper now in general use (excepting bank-note paper) equals in quality that upon which our early books are printed. Most of the books printed of late are, I think, likely to be entirely lost within a century, simply from the natural decay of the (so-called) paper upon which they are printed. But we can to-day buy a newspaper for a penny or a book for a shilling which in Caxton's time would have cost 50 or 100 times as much. We can and do engrave dies and coin money for all the world, but we cannot produce anything comparable with the exquisite coins of ancient Greece. We can imitate in a feeble way the cameos and intaglios of the stone engravers of ancient Rome, but this is an art almost unpracticed among us, and so far as we are concerned artistically, it is practically lost. In ornamental enamel we must go to China and Japan for our models, as Messrs. Elkington have wisely done, and then find out by painful experience how best to copy the humbler objects before daring to imitate the more important. Our English enameling of to-day is confined pretty closely to the decoration of mayor's chains, masonic emblems and the lining of iron pots and pans. The art of lace-making or ornamental needlework—in mediaeval times one of the most general occupations of women of every rank above the lowest—is now almost entirely lost, and we must go to our museums to see the charming examples of taste in design and perfection in work which still remain for us to admire. The hand-made lace will bear microscopic examination; it consumed much time and patience in its production, and was consequently very costly. Nowadays one can buy in Nottingham embroidered curtains enough to furnish a house for less money than a collar of ancient point lace would cost. I might indefinitely prolong this list, and point out to you the comparatively lost arts of damascining, or inlaying iron or steel with the precious metals; of the special forging of sword blades in Damascus and Toledo to produce the twist in the fiber, so to speak, of the metal; of the remarkable skill in perforating steel and brass as a decoration of useful objects practiced in Persia; of the marvels of design, color and glaze of early Italian pottery or majolica; of the exquisite glass and mosaics of Venice; the gold and silversmith's work of Italy; the shawls of Cashmere and textile fabrics generally of India; but further instances are not needed, and you will, I think, agree with that which is a commonly accepted opinion, that in all these, and in many other artistic manufactures, we, the English, are now utterly unable to compete. I have not made in the foregoing remarks any reference to painting and sculpture, because those arts stand outside of the reach of mechanical appliances, and therefore the painter and sculptor of to-day are in this respect in the same position as were Apelles and Phidias, Titian and Michael Angelo. And now we may proceed to consider what is the real or supposed antagonism between art as developed in individual workmanship and as accomplished or assisted by mechanical appliances. If we fairly compare the art of, say, the goldsmith or silversmith of three centuries ago with the art of to-day, we find that the workman then lived and worked under influences and incitements which have long ceased to exist. The mediaeval workman thought and cared only for the single object upon which he was employed. He threw his whole soul, his whole inventive faculty, his whole technical skill, into his darling work, and he knew that no meaner hand could rob him of the fruits of his patient labor and skill. He was not hurried with his work. He had no anxieties as to cost. His master, if he had one, was not

perpetually crying out for the economies of labor and of material, no estimates had been given which could not be exceeded, and no arbitrary percentage of profit had been beforehand fixed. Is it extraordinary that under such favorable conditions the workman should produce his best? Certainly not, and we ought to be profoundly thankful that the results of such a state of things have been preserved to us for our special instruction. How does the working gold or silversmith of to-day stand in relation to his work as compared with his predecessor of three centuries ago? Truly in a miserable plight! Instead of being himself the creator of the design he has to carry out, it has probably been prepared for him in an office where the commercial economy of manufacture is more considered than the principles of art, where facilities of production is held to be more important than elegance of form, and where the demands of the Demon of Fashion override the desires of good taste. All the patient labor of hammer and chisel, slowly and surely giving expression to the taste of the individual are dispensed with now, and are replaced with a few blows of the stamping machine! This stamping machine or press has taken the place of hand labor, and being only a machine, is perfectly indifferent whether the work it is called upon to do is in good or bad taste. It is as willing to work for the demon of ugliness as for the spirit of beauty, and the work which it produces is simply a reflex of the mind, and taste and quality of its employer. It is unfair to charge the mechanical appliances of manufacture with having caused a degradation of taste. The degraded taste existed when machines were first employed, and, unfortunately, the process of refining and improving the artistic feeling of the public has been hindered by the cheap and ugly mechanical productions. If the modeler will only produce models worthy of admiration, the stamping press is at his command to bring under the daily notice of every one the forms of beauty which he has himself designed. We cannot, if we would, go back to mediæval habits of thought or modes of work, and those who to-day would abolish all mechanism in art manufacture would injure instead of helping their cause. The patience and skill of the modeler or chaser who wishes to devote months or years to the production of a masterpiece can still be given. He remains free to use his time and talents as he thinks best, and happily there is yet a demand for works of a high class in the production of which such men may be congenially employed. In this wealthy and art-loving country there is abundant occupation for the most skillful artists. Nothing that is really good fails to find a ready purchaser, and talent has to-day as fair a field before it as it ever had in days gone by. The gifts of corporate or public bodies to men who deserve honor; the production of prizes for excellence in exhibitions, for racing, or boating, or yachting; the demand of the wealthy for specialties designed for themselves, insure for the conscientious workman full scope for his talents. And I am sorry to be compelled to think that this special work is more than enough to occupy all the competent workmen who can be found. In the production of such works machinery and mechanical reproduction have no part; they stand as individual works, each wrought out by a master mind, to fulfill a single purpose, and to satisfy a personal want. But can the requirements of the million be dealt with in this aristocratic manner? Certainly not. For their wants every element of economy must be utilized; the means of production must be assisted by all the resources of mechanical science. The absolute perfection of detail must of necessity be given up, but there is no reason whatever why a high standard of excellence should not be preserved. Our jewelry, our gas-fittings, our table services, whether of silver, silver-plate, or other metals; our trays, coal-scuttles, fenders and grates, and everything else which forms a part of our domestic surrounding, may as cheaply be made elegant as ugly. The use of machinery has only to be wisely and thoughtfully adapted, governed by artistic principles, and its result will be to give to the world in its cheapest form the useful and the beautiful.

Large Sewer at Buffalo.—A very important and extensive piece of sewerage work—known as the Mill Race and Fillmore Parkway sewer—is now in process of construction in Buffalo, N. Y. Its total length is 11,143 feet, the whole number of acres drained at the outlet being 4562. The improvement is divided into six sections, the size of the first being 12 by 9 feet; the second, 10 by 6 1/2; the third, 7 1/2 by 5 and egg-shaped; the fourth, 7 1/2 by 5, bench walls and arch; the fifth, 7 feet by 4 feet 6 inches, egg-shaped; and the sixth, 6 feet 3 inches by 4 feet 2 inches. Work was begun about the first of last month, and some 200 men are at present actively employed. A. H. Delameter, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the contractor for the work, his bid of \$78,000 being the lowest of the four which were received, a year's time being allowed for its completion from the date of its commencement. The work is under the general supervision of City Engineer Geo. E. Mann, Assistant Engineer Edward B. Guthrie being directly in charge.

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Cold-Punched vs. Hot-Pressed Nuts.

Results of a Series of Tests of Cold-Punched and Hot-Pressed Nuts at the Mechanical Laboratory, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.

BY PROF. R. H. THURSTON, DIRECTOR.

MECHANICAL LABORATORY, DEPT. OF ENGINEERING,
 STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
 HOBOKEN, N. J., AUG. 21, 1877.

The following are the results of a determination in the Mechanical Laboratory at the Stevens Institute of Technology, of the resistance to stripping and to bursting of several sets of hot-pressed and of cold-punched nuts. They were of four sizes, viz.: $\frac{1}{2}$ in., $\frac{3}{4}$ in., $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. The hot-pressed nuts were made by J. H. Sternbergh, of Reading, Pa., and the cold-punched by Messrs. Hoopes & Townsend, of Philadelphia.

The conditions of the trial were:

1. that all the nuts to be tested be suitably marked and a record kept of number and marks of each sort.

2. that those for tapping be examined, to see that the sizes of holes are exactly alike and are the same sizes as agreed upon, viz.: Franklin Institute standard.

3. that all nuts of a given size, which are to be tested by stripping the threads, be tapped with the taps furnished by Messrs. William Sellers & Co.

4. Directions for the tests of the stripping of the threads of the nuts: Take 120 rods as follows: 30 of each $\frac{1}{2}$ in., $\frac{3}{4}$ in., $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $\frac{3}{4}$ in., full diameter, all to be 13 in. long; cut threads on each end one inch, first, however, turning down the fullness of the bar to exact diameter a distance of two inches on each end. These rods to be made of the best chrome steel, and nuts to fit closely as possible. The makers of the taps to furnish the rods, provided we have not the facilities for doing so.

5. that the tapped nuts to be used on rods in preceding clause are to be tried up accurately on the side on which the punch entered the nut.

$\frac{1}{2}$ in. nuts turned down to $\frac{5}{16}$ in. thick.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " " $\frac{3}{8}$ " "
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " " $\frac{7}{16}$ " "
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " "

6. That a cold and hot punched nut be placed on opposite ends of the same rod, with their finished sides facing each other, and submitted to a pulling strain in the testing machine with such clamps holding each nut as will secure a uniform strain on the surface of each nut equidistant from the center of the bolt; that the nut so arranged be drawn asunder, until the rods break or the thread in one or both of the nuts gives way. If the rod breaks before the nuts strip, then, in subsequent tests, the nuts are to be turned down on the side mentioned until they are thin enough to strip their threads without breaking the rod. Should one nut only strip the thread, then the remaining nut to be subjected to a strain by clamping the shank of the rod and pulling on the remaining nut until it strips or breaks the rod.

7. That a record be kept of the stripping, breaking or bursting strain in all cases.

8. No rod or nut to be used a second time, except as stated in paragraph 6.

9. In all cases the nuts are to be pulled in the direction in which they are punched, or vice versa, only both alike.

10. A second test is to burst the blank nuts asunder by forcing them on a round conical mandrel until they burst quite open; a record to be kept of the strain required to force the nut on the mandrel and the distance it travels from the point where the nut is first tight until it is found to be burst open.

11. The mandrels to be used for the tests in paragraph 10 are to be made of cast steel, made large enough to enter hole of nut. The conical part to increase in diameter about 3-16 inch in 6 inches. The taper part to be polished smooth and oiled and wiped clean before each test.

12. The diameter of holes, thickness and outside short diameters of the nuts to be drilled, to be exactly the same.

13. The three qualities of nuts made by each contestant to be tested in this manner by bursting both blank and tapped, say 12 of each, or a total of 72 blank and 72 tapped, making 144 in all.

Of each size six sets of nuts were tested, viz.:

Hot pressed nuts, made expressly for the trial by J. H. Sternbergh from iron furnished by him. Hot-pressed nuts, made expressly for the trial by J. H. Sternbergh from iron furnished by Hoopes & Townsend. Cold-punched nuts, made expressly for the trial by Hoopes & Townsend from iron furnished by them. Cold-punched nuts, chosen at random from stock of J. H. Sternbergh. Cold-punched nuts, chosen at random from stock of Hoopes & Townsend. These nuts were received here in the form of blanks and in the condition in which they were left after punching. They were all hexagonal, and of the following dimensions:

Distance between paral-
 lel sides..... $\frac{1}{2}$ in. $\frac{3}{4}$ in. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
 Diameter of hole..... $\frac{1}{16}$ in. $\frac{1}{8}$ in. $\frac{1}{8}$ in. $\frac{1}{8}$ in.
 Diameter of hole after
 tapping..... $\frac{1}{16}$ in. $\frac{1}{8}$ in. $\frac{1}{8}$ in. $\frac{1}{8}$ in.

TRIAL BY STRIPPING STRESS.

The nuts for this test were taken at random from the lots received, and were carefully tapped with a set of taps of Franklin Institute standard, made to order for the Mechanical Laboratory by Messrs. William Sellers & Co.

The same set of taps were used for both the hot-pressed and the cold-punched nuts.

After tapping, the nuts were faced down to thicknesses which a preliminary series of experiments had shown to be, in each case, the thickness which would allow all the nuts to retain a resistance to stripping slightly less than the tensile resistance of the screwed rod on which they were placed when applying the load.

The nuts were faced on the bottom side only, i. e., upon the side at which the punch entered, upon mandrels received from the manufacturers. Except in facing and tap-

ping, no change was made in the dimensions of any part of the nut. After facing, the nuts were carefully paired off upon screwed rods and tested in the manner described in Art. 6.

All the nuts were tested with their faced sides in contact with the sleeve of the testing machine.

TRIAL BY BURSTING STRESS.

The tapped nuts used in this test were tapped with those used in the trial by stripping.

The blank nuts were chosen at random from the lots received. The nuts were faced to the following thicknesses, which were, in each case, the greatest obtainable from the thinnest nuts received:

Thickness of Nuts Tested for Bursting Stress.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. — $\frac{1}{16}$ in. thick. $\frac{3}{4}$ in. — $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. — $\frac{1}{16}$ in. thick. $\frac{3}{4}$ in. — $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick.

It was expected to use a thickness for the $\frac{3}{4}$ in. nuts proportional to the thickness of the other sizes, but in consequence of one of the hot-pressed $\frac{3}{4}$ in. lots being unusually thin, the thickness of all was made 0.72.

As in the case of the stripping trial, the nuts were faced on the bottom side only, and, except in this respect, and by tapping, were not changed in dimensions. The tests were made in a Riehle tension machine, in accordance with Art. 10 of the conditions of test.

The tests were conducted as follows: The mandrel was well coated with a lubricating compound of plumbago and grease, and the nut, with the faced side down, slipped on until it came to a bearing.

After rupture, the mandrel, with the nut undisturbed upon it, was removed from the machine, and the distance that it traveled was recorded.

DISCUSSIONS OF RESULTS OF TRIAL.

From an examination of tables it is seen:

1. Out of 180 nuts tested by stripping stress, only one hot-pressed nut broke under a greater load than the cold-punched tested on the same rod.

2. The average of the stripping or breaking resistance, and of the bursting resistance of any of the sets of cold-punched nuts, is greater than that of any of the classes of hot-pressed nuts of the same size and class.

3. In 9 out of the 12 lots tested by stripping, the minimum resistance of the cold-punched nuts exceeds the average resistance of the hot-pressed of the same size and class.

4. In 21 out of the 24 lots tested by bursting stress, the minimum resistance of the cold-punched nuts exceeds the average resistance of the hot-pressed nuts of the same size and class; but in one instance it is less than the average and minimum of every other set and size.

5. In 5 cases of stripping, the minimum resistance of the cold-punched exceeded, and in 2 equalled the maximum resistance of the hot-pressed of the same size and class.

6. In 11 cases of bursting, the minimum resistance of the cold-punched is greater than the maximum of the hot-pressed of the same size and class, but in one case the maximum resistance of the hot-pressed nut exceeded that of the cold-punched.

7. The amount by which the average resistance to stripping and to bursting of the cold-punched exceeded those of the hot-pressed varied irregularly with the size, but may be regarded as practically independent of the size for the range tested.

8. For the same material the amount of the excess of the average resistance to stripping of the cold-punched over that of the hot-pressed varies from 14.6 to 25.1, and averages 19.7 per cent. of the latter.

9. The amount of this excess for the bursting test varies from 6 to 75.7, and averages 51.9 per cent. of the resistance of the hot-pressed for the blanks, and from 10 to 41.6, with an average of 24.3 per cent. for the tapped.

10. With different irons the amount of the excess for stripping varies from 3.9 to 34.4, and averages 19.7 per cent. of the resistance of the hot-pressed nuts.

11. With different irons the amount of the excess for bursting varies from 3 to 65, and averages 43.4 per cent. for the blank, and from 2 to 33, with an average of 22.5 per cent. of the resistance of the hot-pressed for the tapped.

12. For the same iron, the blank cold-punched nuts have from 22.3 to 35.1 per cent. of the ductility of the blank hot-pressed, and the tapped cold-punched from 52.7 to 79.6 per cent. of that of the blank hot-pressed. With the different irons the ductility is from 22 to 35 per cent. greater in the blank hot-pressed, and from 54.3 to 74.5 per cent. in the case of the tapped.

The same marked difference in the ductility was noticeable in the manner in which the nuts ruptured, the hot-pressed in both the stripping and bursting tests yielding very gradually, rupturing noiselessly, and sometimes allowing the mandrel to be pulled quite through them without rupture ensuing. They were seldom more than cracked by the stripping stress, while the cold-punched nuts gave way in the bursting test with an audible sound, and in the stripping test they usually broke in two or more pieces with a loud report.

13. In five sets of nuts tested by stripping, the uniformity of strength shown by the cold-punched is greater than that exhibited by the hot; in four cases the hot-pressed exceeded, and the two styles are about equal in the remaining three classes.

In eleven classes tested by bursting the cold-punched excels in uniformity, in four the hot-pressed are ahead, and in nine there is no difference between the two styles.

The greatest difference of strength occurs more frequently with the hot than with the cold, but the greatest individual case of differences occurred with cold-punched nuts.

The difference in uniformity is therefore slightly in favor of the cold-punched nuts, but the difference between the two kinds in this regard is not a prominent one.

The results of the trial, taken as a whole, are conclusive in proving:

First, that the cold-punched nuts possessed a much greater average strength, combined with greater rigidity and slightly greater uniformity than were exhibited by the hot-pressed nuts, and that the superiority was most strongly manifested in the trials by stripping stress.

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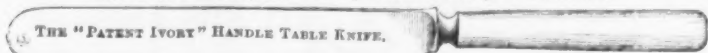
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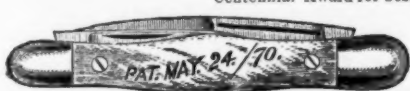
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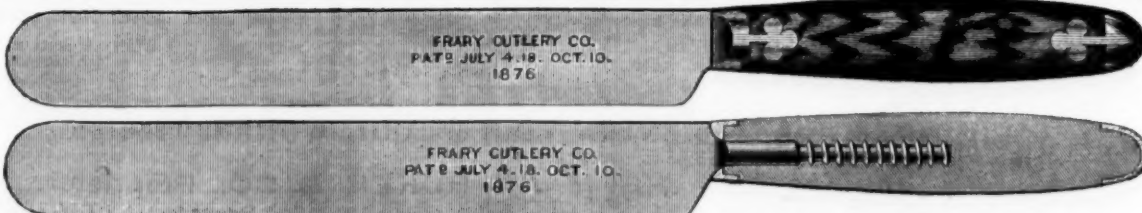
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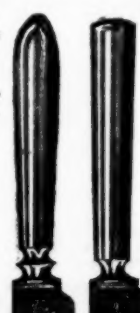
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Cold-Punched vs. Hot-Pressed Nuts.

Second, that the cold-punched nuts exhibited a strength never attained by the hot-pressed nuts, but that such variations in the strength of both styles occurred as to have caused the hot-pressed nuts to equal, and occasionally to excel, in strength the weakest specimens of cold-punched nuts.

Referring to the differences in the character of the iron of which the nuts were made and their respective values as materials for either hot or cold treatment, I can say but little, as the evidence of the results of the tests are not of a completely decisive character.

The following table gives the results of calculations made upon resistances of these nuts to stripping or breaking in order to ascertain their resistance to stripping in pounds per square inch of the sheared section of their threads:

STRIPPING OR BREAKING RESISTANCE PER SQUARE INCH OF SHEARED AREA.

Material.	Stock nuts.	Hot pressed.	Cold punched.
1/2 in.	Maximum..... 43,928 Minimum..... 38,351 Average..... 41,139	Maximum..... 39,387 Minimum..... 34,810 Average..... 37,098	Maximum..... 43,928 Minimum..... 38,351 Average..... 41,139
5/8 in.	Maximum..... 44,159 Minimum..... 38,582 Average..... 41,370	Maximum..... 39,618 Minimum..... 35,041 Average..... 37,329	Maximum..... 44,159 Minimum..... 38,582 Average..... 41,370
3/4 in.	Maximum..... 44,390 Minimum..... 38,813 Average..... 41,601	Maximum..... 39,849 Minimum..... 35,272 Average..... 37,560	Maximum..... 44,390 Minimum..... 38,813 Average..... 41,601
1 in.	Maximum..... 44,621 Minimum..... 39,044 Average..... 41,832	Maximum..... 40,080 Minimum..... 35,503 Average..... 37,791	Maximum..... 44,621 Minimum..... 39,044 Average..... 41,832
1 1/4 in.	Maximum..... 44,852 Minimum..... 39,275 Average..... 42,063	Maximum..... 40,311 Minimum..... 35,734 Average..... 38,022	Maximum..... 44,852 Minimum..... 39,275 Average..... 42,063
1 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 45,083 Minimum..... 39,506 Average..... 42,294	Maximum..... 40,542 Minimum..... 35,965 Average..... 38,253	Maximum..... 45,083 Minimum..... 39,506 Average..... 42,294
2 in.	Maximum..... 45,314 Minimum..... 39,737 Average..... 42,525	Maximum..... 40,773 Minimum..... 36,196 Average..... 38,484	Maximum..... 45,314 Minimum..... 39,737 Average..... 42,525
2 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 45,545 Minimum..... 39,968 Average..... 42,756	Maximum..... 41,004 Minimum..... 36,427 Average..... 38,715	Maximum..... 45,545 Minimum..... 39,968 Average..... 42,756
3 in.	Maximum..... 45,776 Minimum..... 40,201 Average..... 42,987	Maximum..... 41,235 Minimum..... 36,658 Average..... 38,946	Maximum..... 45,776 Minimum..... 40,201 Average..... 42,987
3 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 46,007 Minimum..... 40,432 Average..... 43,218	Maximum..... 41,466 Minimum..... 36,889 Average..... 39,177	Maximum..... 46,007 Minimum..... 40,432 Average..... 43,218
4 in.	Maximum..... 46,238 Minimum..... 40,663 Average..... 43,449	Maximum..... 41,697 Minimum..... 37,120 Average..... 39,408	Maximum..... 46,238 Minimum..... 40,663 Average..... 43,449
4 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 46,469 Minimum..... 40,894 Average..... 43,680	Maximum..... 41,928 Minimum..... 37,351 Average..... 39,639	Maximum..... 46,469 Minimum..... 40,894 Average..... 43,680
5 in.	Maximum..... 46,700 Minimum..... 41,125 Average..... 43,911	Maximum..... 42,159 Minimum..... 37,582 Average..... 39,870	Maximum..... 46,700 Minimum..... 41,125 Average..... 43,911
5 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 46,931 Minimum..... 41,356 Average..... 44,142	Maximum..... 42,390 Minimum..... 37,813 Average..... 40,101	Maximum..... 46,931 Minimum..... 41,356 Average..... 44,142
6 in.	Maximum..... 47,162 Minimum..... 41,587 Average..... 44,373	Maximum..... 42,621 Minimum..... 38,044 Average..... 40,332	Maximum..... 47,162 Minimum..... 41,587 Average..... 44,373
6 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 47,393 Minimum..... 41,818 Average..... 44,604	Maximum..... 42,852 Minimum..... 38,275 Average..... 40,563	Maximum..... 47,393 Minimum..... 41,818 Average..... 44,604
7 in.	Maximum..... 47,624 Minimum..... 42,049 Average..... 44,835	Maximum..... 43,083 Minimum..... 38,506 Average..... 40,794	Maximum..... 47,624 Minimum..... 42,049 Average..... 44,835
7 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 47,855 Minimum..... 42,280 Average..... 45,066	Maximum..... 43,314 Minimum..... 38,737 Average..... 41,025	Maximum..... 47,855 Minimum..... 42,280 Average..... 45,066
8 in.	Maximum..... 48,086 Minimum..... 42,511 Average..... 45,297	Maximum..... 43,545 Minimum..... 38,968 Average..... 41,256	Maximum..... 48,086 Minimum..... 42,511 Average..... 45,297
8 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 48,317 Minimum..... 42,742 Average..... 45,528	Maximum..... 43,776 Minimum..... 39,199 Average..... 41,487	Maximum..... 48,317 Minimum..... 42,742 Average..... 45,528
9 in.	Maximum..... 48,548 Minimum..... 42,973 Average..... 45,759	Maximum..... 44,007 Minimum..... 39,430 Average..... 41,718	Maximum..... 48,548 Minimum..... 42,973 Average..... 45,759
9 1/2 in.	Maximum..... 48,779 Minimum..... 43,204 Average..... 45,990	Maximum..... 44,238 Minimum..... 39,661 Average..... 41,949	Maximum..... 48,779 Minimum..... 43,204 Average..... 45,990
10 in.	Maximum..... 49,010 Minimum..... 43,435 Average..... 46,221	Maximum..... 44,469 Minimum..... 39,892 Average..... 42,180	Maximum..... 49,010 Minimum..... 43,435 Average..... 46,221

Nuts broke and stripped without regularity at all loads, and the average figures given may be assumed to be figures for the basis of calculation of strength on the assumption that the nut will rupture by shearing.

The results of the bursting tests are purely comparative, since the peculiar method of application of the bursting stress renders calculations based upon the results valueless. It is to the manner in which the taper mandrel distributed the stress and to differences in ductility that the several peculiarities noticeable in the results of the bursting test are attributable. Thus the greater strength of the tapped nuts compared with the blank is due to the fact that with the blank nuts only the upper edge of the hole in the nut was at first in contact with the mandrel, while the tapped nuts, by the crushing down of their threads, brought into bearing a larger surface, and thus, while the absolute resistance of a blank nut may be in excess of that of a tapped nut, by the amount of the extra metal it contains, it may not render available as much of its resisting section as a tapped nut.

It is proposed to supplement this statement of the results of tests of strength of nuts with a report on the cost, as determined by experiment, of finishing the two styles of nuts. This will, it is hoped, enable any one to arrive at a satisfactory determination of the true relative value to the consumer of hot-pressed and cold-punched nuts.

The full report, with the cuts showing the manner of testing, and the elaborate tables of details, being too long for publication in a periodical, will be published entire, with the report of the finishing test, in pamphlet form. Copies may be had upon application to Messrs. Hoopes & Townsend, Philadelphia, Pa.

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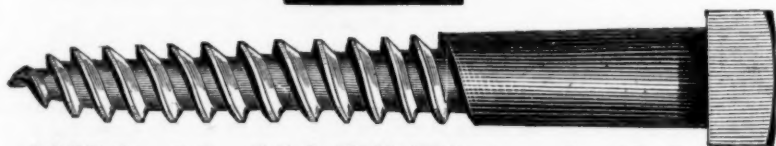
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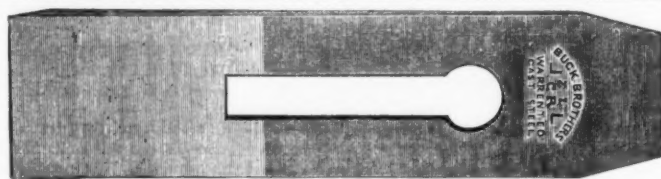
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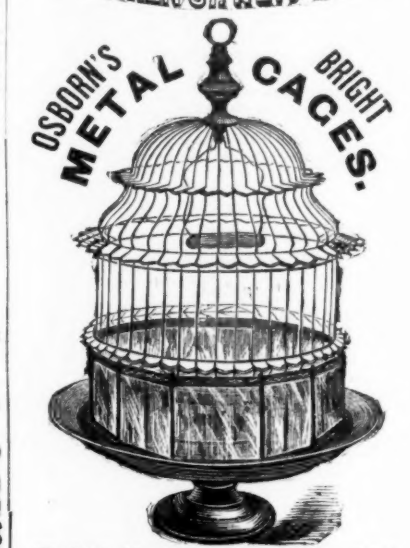
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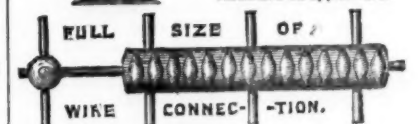


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The appointment of Mr. John Welsh to the English mission will give very general satisfaction. Mr. Welsh has been for many years honorably prominent in public life, not as a partisan or office-holder, but as a public-spirited citizen identified with philanthropic works and great enterprises. To the nation at large he is best known in connection with the organization and successful consummation of the Centennial Exhibition. His responsible duties as chairman of the Board of Finance were discharged with a fidelity and thoroughness which won him unusual respect, while his general courtesy and elegant culture have secured him a wide circle of devoted personal friends at home and abroad. His long and successful experience in commerce is an additional reason for his appointment. During the next few years the commercial relations between this country and Great Britain will probably possess far more importance than any questions purely diplomatic, and to deal with these a statesman educated in the school of commerce is obviously better qualified than one reared in the school of politics.

The Ores of the "New Iron District" of Ohio.

There is probably no part of the United States which has so nearly monopolized the attention of the iron trade during the past two years as that portion of Perry and Hocking counties, Ohio, commonly known as the Straitsville district. It has had an amount of gratuitous newspaper advertising which no other section, however favored, has succeeded in securing. The resources of the country have been a subject on which newspaper correspondents have dwelt with great satisfaction, and the estimates of the cost per ton of iron which could be made there, have startled the trade and made the owners of furnaces in less favored localities rub their eyes and wonder whether it would long be possible for them to compete with the product of furnaces drawing their materials from this new Bonanza of ores and fuel. Capital has flowed in for investment from all sides, furnaces have sprung up like mushrooms, mines have been opened on every hand, and many have believed that in the Straitsville district had been found a veritable *El Dorado*. Now that speculation has in some degree culminated and a vast amount of capital has been locked up in mining lands and furnace plant, a great many are doing what should have been done at the outset—looking carefully and intelligently into the resources of coals and ores on which the expectations of a great product of cheap pig iron were based. Without any desire to cast doubts upon the claims of the Straitsville district to recognition as a future important center of iron production, we think it quite safe to assume that there have been a great many injudicious investments made there on imperfect knowledge, and that many of the expectations of a large product of good iron at \$11 or \$12 per ton will never be realized. If there has been any mistake at all, it has been in an over-eagerness to make investments without a full and intelligent examination of all the conditions.

Our attention is called to this subject by an important paper on the ores of the Straitsville district, contributed to *The Metallurgical Review* for November by Mr. Edmund C. Pechin. After a careful survey of the whole field, a personal examination of most of the openings and a comparison of such analyses as have been made, Mr. Pechin concludes that the ores of the district have been, generally speaking, greatly overrated, and that serious disappointments are in store for many who have already made large investments. Admitting that the district has vast and valuable resources of coal and ores which can be profitably utilized, Mr. Pechin cannot refrain from expressing astonishment at the way in which business men, usually cautious and unimpulsive, "have rushed" into the district, made extensive purchases of land at full figures and spent "large sums of money upon furnace plants, only to find their paper profits vanishing into thin air and their bright expectations ending in disappointment."

The confidence of investors in the abundance and excellence of the native ores was based chiefly upon two principal seams—the "Baird" and the "Shawnee." The former is about 35 feet under, and the latter about 110 feet over, the Big Coal Seam, No. 6. Prof. Orton, of the Ohio Geological Survey, believes this ore, which is peculiar in appearance and quite unlike any other in the district, to be identical with the "limestone ore" of Hanging Rock, as he has traced it continuously from one district to another. An average of a large number of analyses by the chemist of the Kentucky Geological Survey gives:

Limonite	46.22
Carbonate	33.50

The extent of the supply has not yet been determined.

Of the "Shawnee" Seam Mr. Pechin finds himself unable to give a very satisfactory account. There may be more of it than has been found, but as regards the ground actually proved, its exhaustion by the four furnaces already built at Shawnee is a question of a very few years, and Mr. Pechin is of the opinion that, without further positive developments, the erection of any more furnaces in that neighborhood would be attended with very great risk. It is an interesting fact that this seam is on the same geological horizon as the Blackband ores, and, like them, may prove vexatiously irregular. Mr. Pechin believes that other deposits of this peculiar character will be discovered, or other ores found in the same horizon, and that the seam is one which should receive the prompt attention of all who own lands with measures high enough to include it.

The greatest disappointment which those who have invested in this district have known or are likely to know is, in Mr. Pechin's opinion, the so-called Bessemer ore which, when first opened, was supposed to be the Shawnee seam. This he believes to be what is known in other localities as the "Sour Apple" ore. This ore contains, according to analyses of samples from the out-crop at Sunday Creek and Snow Fork, from 41.31 to 43. metallic iron and from .528 to 1.15 phosphorus. That the iron made therefrom would be seriously cold-short, requires no demonstration; but the worst feature of the "Sour Apple" ore is that it comes out in bowlders. When broken open the lumps are found to contain a blue limestone heart. Near the out-crop the heart is usually no larger than a walnut, but as it runs under cover the thickness of the iron shell decreases

until, at a distance of from 50 to 70 feet, the ore ceases and a poor limestone alone is found. Mr. Pechin gives a number of analyses to show the variability of this material, and concludes that it would require a founder of superhuman intelligence to get satisfactory results from an ore in which the proportions of iron, lime and silica are so constantly varying. He believes that it can only be worked satisfactorily in admixture with enough red-short Lake ores to neutralize the phosphorus, the amount being determined by constant analyses of the calcined material as it is transferred to the stock house. In this way a fairly good cheap iron may be made; but it is quite certain that no more properties will be sold on the strength of "Sour Apple" ore.

Another and very important question to which Mr. Pechin calls attention, is that of water supply. Several of the furnaces now in operation have been seriously inconvenienced this fall for want of water. Most of the small streams are subject to extreme variations. During heavy rains they fill so rapidly as to tax the strength of dams, and during the summer season they are apt to dry up. Mr. Pechin thinks it not improbable that, in the event of further large developments, furnaces and mills will have to be built on the Hocking River, and get their raw materials over railroads extending up the numerous smaller streams.

In view of all the facts, it seems not improbable that a great iron industry may be gradually built up in this district; but the conditions of success are much the same there as elsewhere. Caution, good judgment and skill are all needed, and satisfactory results can be reached only through the co-operation of the engineer, the chemist and the man of business. Without all these, there are few places likely to attract capital where money can be more readily locked up in permanently unprofitable investments. We have no doubt that Mr. Pechin's words of warning will be distasteful to interested parties, but they cannot fail to arrest the attention of prudent capitalists, and will not be without influence in giving a right direction to enterprise which might otherwise be misapplied.

The Institute Meeting and the Salisbury Ore Region.

We publish on the opposite page abstracts of some of the papers read at the recent meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, held at Amenia, Dutchess county, New York. The attendance was quite large—much larger, indeed, than was anticipated; the papers read were full of interest, and the excursions, through a charming region of country, were rendered most enjoyable by the unbounded hospitality of the local committee and the presence of ladies, who joined the party at Lakeville.

The Salisbury ore region embraces an area 50 miles long by 15 wide, running northeast and southwest, and centering at a point where the boundaries of Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York States meet. The ores of this region are brown hematites, found in beds or deposits or veins, mixed with clay or gravel, in the Lower Silurian and in lines parallel with the Green Mountains. Generally, the ore is found with limestone on one side and slate on the other, but at some places it is on both sides of the limestone, and at others limestone lies on both sides of the ore. The beds are found from 6 to 30 feet beneath the surface. Most of the beds are mined in open cuts, but a few are worked with shafts and drifts. The beds are wonderfully mixed, and the strata puzzlingly contorted. The ore is mixed with loam, sand, blue clay, slate, &c., and occurs in all forms—gravelly, balled, in shells, pipes, stalactites, mamillary masses thrown about irregularly, in variable quantities and qualities, in level layers, horsebacks and lenticular deposits. The ore is removed from most of the beds in the old way, by drawing it out with horses and carts, but some are provided with machinery. The washing of the ore shows the same extremes, some of it being done in the old-fashioned sluice boxes, while other beds are provided with Newbold and Bradford washers.

The quantity of water entering the various mines varies, according to locality, from 25 to 700 gallons per minute.

At present 22 out of the 38 mines in this region are in operation. In speaking of the output, Mr. James F. Lewis says:

Before the panic of 1873, Dutchess county alone produced 180,000 tons per year, 60,000 tons being smelted into charcoal pig iron and 120,000 tons into anthracite pig, at the furnaces on the Hudson, from Manhattanville to Troy. Columbia county turned out 35,000 tons per year, 28,000 tons being used at the charcoal furnaces and 7,000 tons at the anthracite. The Salisbury mines produced 50,000 tons, all of it being used in Litchfield county for charcoal pig. The Berkshire county, Mass., mines produced 65,000 tons yearly, of which 20,000 tons were used for anthracite iron and 45,000 tons smelted into charcoal pig; a total of 330,000 tons of hematite ore per year, against 180,000 tons at the present time. The analysis of the ores shows from 35 to 53 per cent. of metallic iron.

The make of pig iron in this section has very much decreased since 1873. In that year over 50,000 tons were manufactured—last year, not more than 20,000 tons. There are in this region 21 furnaces equipped to make charcoal irons—5 in Massachusetts, 9 in Connecticut and 7 in New York. There is but one furnace using anthracite. In construction, design and appliances they are mostly old style, and differ but little from each other. Stacks are built of stone, erected against a bank the brow of which is close to and nearly on a level with the tunnel head, to which the charcoal, ore and flux is delivered on wheels without cost of

elevating. With slight variations, the stacks are 32 feet high by 9 feet bosh. The hot-blast ovens are erected on top of the stacks, which in most cases are large enough to admit of this and the chimney also, with which all are provided, the common height being about 35 feet. To 15 furnaces power is supplied by water, to three by water and steam and to three by steam. A moderate pressure and low temperature are used. A furnace of this size will make about 10 tons of iron per day, the total maximum production amounting to about 75,000 tons, for which 100,000 tons of ore and 10,000,000 bushels of charcoal are required, equivalent to wood from 12,000 acres of woodland.

Estimates of the cost of producing iron in the Salisbury district vary greatly, as they are based upon the consumption of charcoal and price paid for ore. The furnaces which make the best iron consume about 1.40 bushels of charcoal to the ton. Charcoal has been bought for the past season at 8 cents, delivered, but managers are not prepared to make estimates for full year's supply for less than 10 cents. The best ores cost \$5 per ton, laid down at the furnace, and an estimate, based on these prices and present cost of labor, at less than \$30 per gross ton cannot be depended upon. The iron is graded in seven numbers for the car wheel trade, which is its largest consumer, the remainder going for malleable iron, ordnance, agricultural tools, machine rolls and castings.

The excursions of the Institute were not only full of historical and technical interest, but they were through a section full of natural beauty. The landscapes of Dutchess and Columbia counties, New York; the lakes, rivers and falls of Litchfield, Connecticut, and the hills of Berkshire, are too well known to need more than a passing mention. These excursions will be long remembered by those whose good fortune it was to participate.

The most important feature of this meeting was the action of the Institute changing the method of publication of its papers and proceedings. The contract at present existing expires December 31, 1877. The papers for the next meeting are to be published in pamphlet form and marked, "Subject to revision." After a reasonable time for such revision, the papers will be published in "Transactions." The plan is virtually that of the British Iron and Steel Institute. Some modifications will doubtless be made, a committee having been appointed to consider the subject and report at the February meeting. Of the great importance of the adoption of this method we need not speak at length, as we have so often given our views on the subject. In the few years the Institute has been in existence it has done a work for mining and metallurgical interests the value of which cannot be estimated, which has not only been recognized at home but abroad; and all who know this work can only express the wish that the past shall be but an earnest of the abundance of the future.

The Legal Status of Advertisements.

A curious and interesting case has been decided in the Superior Court, involving new and somewhat peculiar points of law, of interest to all who advertise. The facts are briefly as follows, omitting the names of the litigants: In December, 1876, A, doing business as a wholesale grocer, discharged B, who had been employed as head of the tea department of his store. B sued A in the Superior Court for \$250, one month's salary. In circulars sent out by A was the statement that they had the best tea buyer, whose sole duty it was to watch the market for bargains. A's defense was that B spent too much time in the tea market. Chief Justice Curtis charged the jury on the trial as a matter of law that "when a man presents to the public in the form of a circular or advertisement statements, 'he is bound by those statements. It is not for him to say that it is a matter of business, or when business is dull a matter of course, to issue statements that are untrue. If, after advertising his wares, goods or medicines with statements for the public to act upon, he comes into a court of justice, he is bound by those statements. The law knows no difference between pretenses that are false except in the degree of moral or criminal turpitude, and in the punishment that attaches to them. The man who seeks by false statements in regard to his business through an advertisement to delude the public, when he does it to reap profit for his own advantage, is taking the first steps on that road which terminates with false pretenses, with forgery, with crime and with those acts which imperil the interests of all of us, and which tend to destroy the property, and perhaps the reputation, of every citizen."

The jury gave a verdict against A for \$265. It must be admitted that there is much sound practical common sense in Judge Curtis's decision. This is a very different point from that covered in the decision in the case of Hall vs. Hall, Kimbark & Co., which our readers may remember. In the case last named the plaintiff took advantage of the defendants' circular, offering certain goods at a very low price, to order a large line on speculation. The order was not filled, but the court held that the defendants were bound by the offer made in their circular and the plaintiff recovered large damages. Both cases are of importance, however, as showing the practice of our courts in fixing the measure of legal responsibility which those must assume who make positive statements in advertisements. In a word, what a man says in his advertisement is regarded as his deliberate and public statement, to which he can always be held, and the interpretation put upon such statement,

by the courts is likely to be extremely literal.

The Idea of Protection in England.

Mr. L. J. Jennings, in a letter to the *World*, makes some interesting statements respecting the gradual change of public sentiment in Great Britain on the subject of protection to domestic industry. Commenting on Gen. Grant's speech at Birmingham, Mr. Jennings says:

The fact is that the cry for protection is daily growing stronger in this country. Two members of the Cabinet have argued against it; the *Times* and *Telegraph* have taken up the tale. But it will not do. The workmen are thoroughly alarmed. They see American calicoes in every shop window, and know that they are admitted into this country duty free. They know also that English goods are not admitted into the United States, except at prohibitive rates. Hence they say: "Give us a protective tariff also; we cannot go on fighting against all the rest of the world on these unequal terms. We are paying too dear for being on the 'right side' of political economy." It will be impossible to disregard this cry much longer. Of course the philosophers are very much startled and puzzled, as they generally are when a hard, practical question of every-day life suddenly stares them in the face. But how are they going to provide a remedy for the commercial disaster which now threatens England? How can they deny, indeed, that free trade is practically injuring England at this moment? If all the world adopted the same principle as the basis of commerce, no doubt it would work well enough. But at present England stands absolutely alone. Everybody can sell in her shop; she is not allowed to buy in any shop but her own, and that is half filled with better and cheaper wares made by foreigners. For on that point we may take what the *Times* market report says as rather under than above the mark: "The business done with Australia and New Zealand at Birmingham and Sheffield is not now a tenth of what it was three years ago. There is evidence that the Australian orders for American hardware have increased in the same period nearly twenty-fold, owing, as alleged, to the superior quality, design and finish of these goods, and in no way to their cheapness." And the same thing is true of cotton manufactures.

We do not think we can agree with Mr. Jennings that "it will be impossible to disregard this cry much longer." A change in the "traditional policy" of the British Empire will not be quickly nor easily accomplished. The export and carrying trades are those which exercise a controlling influence in Parliament. The workmen may clamor for protection and its attendant benefits, but those whose influence will be felt most powerfully for years to come are those who do not want labor benefited by any change which will deprive Great Britain of the great advantage of cheapness in her manufactures for export. Again, in estimating the result of conflicting forces now at work, we must remember that the English people are always conservative, and that a change in the nation's policy of commercial legislation would be steadily and continuously opposed at every step. It is, in our judgment, more probable that the nation will postpone any such change until it is forced by the menace of industrial and commercial ruin. This, as any thinking man may know, is not a thing of the immediate future, at least.

Robert Crawshaw.

Mr. Robert Crawshaw, a gentleman who is commonly mentioned by the English newspapers as "the Iron King" and who has certainly for many years occupied a very prominent position in the British Iron Trade, has retired from business under conditions which are not without peculiar significance. In a letter to a friend, part of which has found its way into print in the London papers, Mr. Crawshaw says: "Trade is 'worse than ever it was, and I see not the slightest chance of Cyfartha starting again. I think so badly of trade altogether that I 'have no wish to see my sons remain in it. I 'do not think I can possibly live very long, and if I am able I shall sell the works 'before I die. There is nothing now to 'bind me to them, for I have been estranged 'from them by the conduct of the men. I 'always hoped and expected to die with the 'works going and the same feeling among 'the men for their employers as before; 'but things have changed and all is different, and I go to my grave feeling that I am a 'perfect stranger, as nearly all my old men are gone.'"

There is something pathetic in this almost despairing prophecy of the future of the iron trade of South Wales. Three years ago Mr. Crawshaw's fortune was estimated at \$40,000,000, but the shrinkage in values and the losses attending the making of iron during the past few years, have made heavy inroads upon this enormous capital. Mr. Crawshaw retires to save himself and his family a comfortable competence, and it is probable that this long-famous name will never again be borne upon the records of the iron trade. A correspondent of the New York *Times*, speaking of the reasons which have impelled Mr. Crawshaw to this step, says:

The foundation of that colossal fortune was laid at Cyfartha during the American war of independence, when the Crawshays worked out large government contracts. Until recently the thriving city of Merthyr-Tydfil found its entire existence in the Cyfartha industries. All along the valley the furnaces blazed, the railways ran, the vast mines gave forth their wealth; tradesmen thrived, stores flourished, the canal carried daily freight, the whole neighborhood was alive; a day when the man who engineered the entire thing was Robert Crawshaw, sitting quietly at home in his castle, the windows of which reflected back the glare of the furnace fires. Now is quiet. The fires are out; the men and women who worked about the valley; a few pigs are at work, but the old aspect of happy toil and noisy labor has changed to a solemn and ominous gloom, and the owner, broken in health and spirits, spends the old days when he played the father to his people and his people heartily accepted the position of his children. If trade was good, wages went up and overtime was well paid; if the price of iron fell, Crawshaw made deductions, and so men and women went up and down together. But in due course trade unions and competition changed all this; men talked of their rights, and declined to have their wages reduced; they addressed their master as their equal; they discussed profit and loss with him; they refused to accept his word; they struck when he was busy, and compelled him to forfeit important contracts; they blew out his furnaces when he wanted them lighted; they declared war. They found their match in a naturally kind-hearted, but obstinate man, who could not endure brook, who got mad at what he regarded as ingratitude; and he now declares that confidence between him and his men is at end, and that he will die estranged from them, and, if possible, no longer proprietor of the works founded by his fathers and maintained for 800 years with distinguished honor and success.

It might be supposed from this that Mr. Crawshaw's retirement from business was caused by his troubles with the men in his employ. This is in a great degree true, but from his own words it is evident that he finds but little ground for hope in the condition and outlook of the British iron trade. Some allowance must be made, of course, for the depression of spirits resulting from the bitter disappointment he has experienced, in finding distrust where he expected confidence and ingratitude where he hoped for love. We trust his declining years will be made happy by the consciousness that he has all his life been a liberal and intelligent friend of the workingman, and that if his cherished hopes were disappointed, he has done his duty and won the respect of all who appreciate enlightened philanthropy.

Do the Unions "Fix" Wages?

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*: Your article, "Fixed Wages," in last week's issue, assumes a principle which the unions repudiate. They name a minimum rate of wages, not a maximum, and do not admit that this system has the effect you describe. An employer is not restrained from giving his men, or any number of them, more than the "scale," but he is prevented from giving them less; and there is the trouble, for to do the average employer justice he generally wants to give less. That their members are not always competent men is not entirely the fault of the unions, for although they may restrict the master as to the quantity of his apprentices, they certainly do not restrict him as to their quality. Besides, employers are not compelled to keep incompetent men. It is their business to get good men, and if they fail to do so, surely the unions are not to blame. But how, I would ask, is a union—a ideal union of freemen of which you speak—to exist where every man may work for what he chooses? The fundamental principle of trade unions is gone, and with it cohesion and defensive power.

As an ounce of fact in this matter is worth a pound of fiction, I will give you an example of what mechanics who do not or cannot combine to keep up the price of their labor, may expect when left to the tender mercies of the compassionate "boss." Rather more than two years ago the Typographical Union of this city numbered over 2000 members and was in a good position financially. To-day it has not half that number and is practically bankrupt. Through a succession of unfortunate blunders, not likely to be repeated, which culminated in the *Tribune* strike (where the employer kindly proposed a reduction amounting to 30 per cent.), the union was to a great extent broken down; and now, except in a few offices where the employers have a conscience, or are restrained by prudence, the descendants (mechanically) of Gutenberg, Faust and Caxton are working for less wages than a hod carrier. Trade unions—not aggressive, but defensive—are a necessity of the times. The race which men run nowadays for wealth renders them grasping and avaricious, and they care not how many of their fellow beings they trample under foot provided they win. Are workmen, then, to give up the only means they have—combination—to obtain from these men the means of living? The workingman—by workingman I mean the wage-earning class—is the greatest factor in a nation's wealth, and yet when he asks for bread is he to be given a stone? Is he to have no share, or at best a mere pittance, in the wealth he creates? The only true freedom for the workman is to treat with his employer on equal terms, and he can only do this by combination; and the free American citizen, or whatever else he may choose to call himself, will find what kind of freedom he enjoys when he gives up the principle of combination and trusts to the generosity of capital.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30, 1877.

Comments by the Editor.

To the above we reply as follows:

The principal evils of the union system grow out of the attempt to establish an equality among men when no such equality exists.

The rate fixed by the unions is a minimum, it is true, but it is usually above the value of the services of poor workmen, and below the value of the services which the best men are able to render.

The "average employer" cannot afford to pay the best man in his employ all he is worth, so long as he is compelled to pay the poorest man more than he is worth.

The quality of an apprentice depends largely upon the manner in which the journeymen undertake his education.

Many serious and costly strikes have grown out of the efforts of the unions to compel employers to retain the services of incompetent men.

Self-defense furnishes the strongest motive for co-operation. The miners of Messrs. Correy & Co. have united to defend their individual rights as workmen and their liberties as citizens, against a tyrannical and irresponsible power which seeks to force them into a servitude obnoxious and distasteful to free men.

The "ounce of fact" given by our correspondent shows two things: 1. Labor cannot, even with organization, compete with organized capital; 2. It is not to be wondered at that when employers have for years been subject to unwarrantable dictation, and have had to pay more for labor than it brought in the open market, they should push their advantage beyond the point of generosity.

Our correspondent is perfectly right in one statement: "Trade unions, not aggressive but defensive, are a necessity of the times." Messrs. Correy & Co.'s men have organized a defensive union; as an example of the aggressive unions we think it scarcely necessary to more than mention the anthracite miners in their recent operations. The trouble is, our workmen, when organized under the lead of unprincipled demagogues, are apt to have rather confused notions as to where defense stops and aggression begins.

American Institute of Mining Engineers.

We present below abstracts of some of the papers read at the America meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. Others were published last week, and more will be found in our next issue.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WIRE GAUGE.

At the February, 1877, meeting of the institute, attention was called by Mr. Jos. D. Weeks to the confusion arising from the great multiplicity of gauges in use in this country as well as their inaccuracy, and the necessity of a reform in this matter by the adoption of some gauge that should be accurate, easy of adjustment, cheap and easily used. A committee was appointed to consider the subject who reported as follows: The Committee on Standard Gauge have been constantly engaged since their appointment in the duties assigned to them. They have corresponded with different persons interested in the manufacture and use of gauges in this country, and have received from several of them important information. They have also entered into correspondence with the governments of England, France, Germany and Russia through their consuls, and with Austria directly. The consuls of Germany and France have taken the greatest interest in this matter, and have communicated to your committee a large amount of valuable information relating to the gauges used in their countries. Prof. Tunner, of Leoben, Austria, one of our honorary members, has communicated information relative to the uses of gauges in Austria. The replies to the communications addressed by the English and Russian consuls to their respective governments have not as yet been received.

Your committee commenced its labors, having in view the finding of a gauge which should be simple in its construction, not readily worn, capable of easy adjustment and not too expensive to be used by the ordinary workman. With this in view they have examined a large variety of gauges, and believe that all those in general use in the United States have passed under their inspection.

We find as the result of our examination that, although there are a great number of patterns, most of the gauges in general use differ but slightly in principle. The different systems may be divided into two general classes. These are, first, fixed, and second, movable gauges.

Of the fixed gauges there are three general types. These are, first, those made with slots open at one end, the sides of which are intended to be parallel, as the ordinary wire gauge; second, those made with round holes made in a plate with or without a plug corresponding to each hole to check the size, such as the Whitworth gauge, and the Stubb's wire gauge, better known in this country as the "twist drill" gauge. In both these types of gauges the slots and holes are designated by numbers. The third type of fixed gauges consists of a V, either cut into a sheet of steel or formed by placing two bars of steel together at one end and leaving them open at the other a fixed distance.

Of the movable gauges there are two types—sliding callipers with verniers, with or without a micrometer screw for adjustment, and the micrometer screw gauge.

Your committee find that the gauges which are characterized by round holes or slots, designated by numbers, are only approximately correct. They not only differ in those of different manufacturers, but in a dozen made by the same manufacturer there often were very perceptible and annoying differences. They find that in the gauges with open slots the sides are rarely parallel, and that there are even greater variations in them than in the gauges made with closed round holes without plugs. They find that the numbers affixed to these holes vary so much, on account of the differences in the diameters of the holes, as to be a constant source of inaccuracy, uncertainty and annoyance. This variation has in certain cases been found to amount to as much as 50 per cent. of the weight of different wires of the same number which have been examined. It is therefore impossible to make even an approximate comparison of sizes, unless, besides the number, not only the kind of gauge, but also the name of the maker is specified, and even then this approximation cannot be relied upon when the gauges have been worn from constant use or bad tempering.

The best examples of the round holes with plugs is the Whitworth gauge, which is made of a thick plate of tempered steel. Each hole of the gauge is provided with a hardened steel plug which fits it exactly. In all recent gauges of this kind the system of numbers is abandoned. The plug is made of a given diameter, which is stamped in figures on each one. These diameters generally vary by 32nds, 16ths, 8ths, 4ths, and so on, each size having a hole and plug of its own, so that a complete set will consist of as many holes and plugs as there are fractional parts. To obviate the difficulty of the indefinite repetition of the plugs, they are sometimes made so that when any two or even three plugs are placed together they will exactly fit the hole corresponding to the sum of their diameters. This arrangement is made to insure accuracy, as the multiplication of a very slight error would prevent even two plugs from fitting the hole corresponding to the sum of their diameters. When well made this gauge is an instrument of precision; but it is evident that in order to have such a gauge even moderately accurate, it must be very expensive and altogether beyond the reach of an ordinary workman, or even of a manufacturer with small capital, and also, from the indefinite multiplication of holes and plugs, it must necessarily be very cumbersome.

When they are used there must always be two such gauges, one for comparison and one for use, and when the gauge is only very slightly worn it ceases to be an instrument of precision and is then open to all the objections of the ordinary gauge with fixed holes.

Your committee therefore very early in the course of their investigation, formed an opinion that no reliance whatever was to be

placed on the numbers of gauges as an indication of size, except for the individual gauge to which the number was attached, and that the only accurate and scientific way of expressing the size of an article to be gauged was by some expression of its diameter which should be more exact than numbers and which would allow of an accurate comparison of all the dimensions by whatever gauge they were taken.

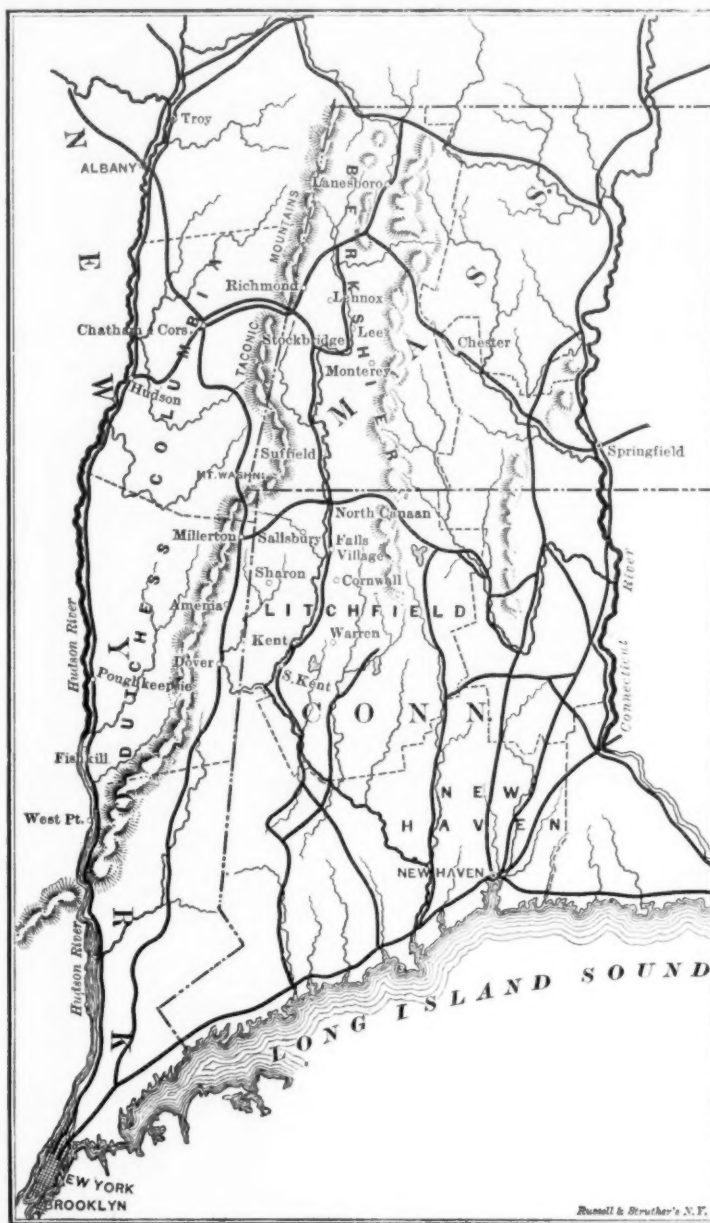
Your committee are supported in this opinion by the present practice among some European manufacturers who have recently acted in this matter, who have decided that a given number on a gauge shall correspond to a given diameter expressed in fractions of the legal standard of length of the country; but as in all fixed gauges made for ordinary commercial use the diameter can only be approximately expressed, neither the number nor the diameter are ordinarily correct, so that there is a double source of inaccuracy, and the number does not express the exact diameter nor the diameter the number.

Owing to the great liability to error, and the impossibility of correcting it, even in the most elaborate forms of this kind of gauge, your committee, early in the course of its investigation, after having themselves examined a large number and having had communicated to them the results of exami-

boys can be easily taught to read with great accuracy the thousandth of an inch or the fortieth of a millimeter, and that it is practicable to read even the eightieth of a millimeter.

The micrometer gauge is, of these two, the simplest. It consists of a micrometer screw, with a vernier attachment, is susceptible of easy adjustment, is not likely to wear, is not complicated, is less likely to get out of order than the other gauges, is more easily read and requires less skill to read it than the sliding gauge with a vernier. Your committee are, therefore, of the opinion that this gauge, examples of which are shown, is the gauge which should be adopted as a standard gauge.

They are of the opinion that all gauges should be graduated so as to read fractions of an inch or of a millimeter, and that the sizes should be so expressed, as the only means of insuring correct measurements, and not by numbers which constantly lead to error. That this, while it insures accuracy, presents no difficulty in practice, is shown by a number of experiments made during a period of several months to ascertain the practical difficulty in the way of the adoption of this method by a member of your committee. The sizes of some of the steel bars, the order of which were ex-



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nations made by others, dismissed from their consideration as a standard gauge this class, as being unsuitable either from their defective construction, the impossibility of adjusting them when out of order, or their great cost.

Your committee next turned its attention to the V gauge, which is made by placing together two pieces of hardened steel so that they touch at one end, but are open a given distance at the other, the numbers or diameters corresponding to the opening being engraved upon one or both of their sides. The accuracy with which measurements can be made with this gauge when it is new and the jaws properly tempered, adjusted and fastened, is surprising. Exceedingly minute differences, even in the diameters of the same wires, can be detected and measured with great nicety, but by constant use the gauge wears unevenly. It must then be taken apart and readjusted, which will generally cost more than the gauge is worth.

Your committee, while having the highest opinion of it for ordinary purposes, after some months of study have abandoned the idea of recommending it as a standard gauge.

Their attention was then turned to the other two kinds of gauges, namely, the sliding gauge with a vernier, and the gauge known as the micrometer gauge. The advantage of these gauges is great accuracy. The vernier gauge necessarily wears, but is susceptible of adjustment after wearing. The error of wear in this gauge can be easily ascertained and allowance made for it after the gauge is worn. A very slight examination will allow of determining the rate and amount of wear when the gauge is in constant use, so that accurate measurement can always be made with it even when it is worn.

In the micrometer gauges the wearing surfaces are so arranged that they can be adjusted with ease in a few moments. The wear between the male and female parts of the micrometer can be adjusted by a binding screw. This adjustment can be repeated as often as required, so that the instrument will read with great accuracy until it is worn out. Your committee assured themselves by actual trial that with such gauges

pressed in thousandths of an inch, are given below.

Sizes, expressed in decimals of an inch, taken at random from the order of a manufactory which has adopted this method:

15.5 X .014	2.75 X .051
15 X .09	2.75 X .035
15 X .014	2.50 X .059
5.25 X .061	2.50 X .022
4.50 X .066	2.25 X .031
4 X .024	2.15 X .039
4 X .022	2.25 X .046
4 X .021	2.25 X .040
3.475 X .062	2.25 X .038
3.25 X .01	2.25 X .035
3 X .0145	2.25 X .020
3 X .018	2 X .018
3 X .02	1.50 X .032
3 X .0125	.75 X .095
2.75 X .020	.75 X .062

The adoption of this system by the manufacturers who have used it has resulted in the abolition of the old forms of gauge.

The conclusions which have been arrived at, for the most part independently, by the different members of your committee and in which they unanimously agree, are:

1. The abandonment of the system of fixed gauges for commercial use.
2. The abandonment of the system of representing the diameters and sizes by numbers.
3. The adoption of the system of expressing sizes in thousandths of an inch or fractions of a millimeter.
4. The adoption of the millimeter gauges as the method of measuring sizes.

Your committee beg to acknowledge their indebtedness to J. B. Knight, secretary of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, for the reports of various committees on gauges of the Franklin Institute; to C. Hewitt, Esq., president of the Trenton Iron Co., for a large number of measurements of wire made with different gauges; to P. Ritter von Tunner of Austria, for the description of the kind of gauges used in Austria; to the German Consul for his interest in procuring from Germany a report of their gauge system; to the French Consul for his interest in the work of the Committee, and to the Minister of Agriculture, Commerce and Public Works for a complete description of the gauge system as used in France. Your Committee is, however, particularly indebted

to Darling, Brown and Sharpe of Providence, who have loaned to them, without charge, all the gauges which they manufactured for comparison, and have contributed besides a very large amount of information in various matters connected with this subject, all of which is respectfully submitted.

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JOS. D. WEEKS.

NOTE ON THE IRON ORE AND ANTHRACITE COAL OF RHODE ISLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS.—A. L. HOLLEY.

The existence of iron ore and anthracite coal in the neighborhood of Providence, R. I., has long been known, chiefly as a geological fact. That these materials, so near to each other and to tide water, are of so good a quality and present in such large quantities as to have seriously raised the question of establishing blast furnaces there, was a surprising fact to me, and I have thought that the few notes I have hastily gathered on the subject would be of interest.

The coal field referred to has an area of more than 400 square miles, and is found throughout the belt of transition rocks extending from Newport Neck to Mansfield, Mass. The amount of coal is not estimated, but very roughly stated at "hundreds of millions of tons." Prof. Ridgway, in a memorial to the General Assembly in 1868, states that the field is "a large but shallow one, made up of a cluster of beautiful coal basins, being identical with the lower coal series of the anthracite basin of Pennsylvania." The coal on the edges of the field has been not only broken up, but altered by heat and pressure such as the Pennsylvania field seems to have escaped, but Prof. Ridgway states that it is regular and undisturbed and less altered in other parts. In 1875 a hole, sunk over 700 feet at a point in Massachusetts 5 miles from Providence, in the center of the basin, showed a bed of coal 9 feet thick at this depth. Its quality, judging from the core brought up, was superior to the coal previously worked. All this coal has a red ash, and burns with a greater freedom and with a fuller blaze than other anthracite. The ash is quite fusible, so that a moderate blast is required. S. L. Crocker, of the Taunton Copper Works, has used 10,000 tons annually from the Portsmouth mine. For steam and ordinary purposes, it was quite as good as Pennsylvania anthracite. For smelting copper ores, it was the best mineral fuel. The main shaft at this mine is 1,400 feet on the incline, and the gangways aggregate 3½ miles. The Cranston mine has been reopened with a capacity of 100 tons per day. Most of the workings have been on the outcrop, altered as stated, but the alteration seems to have nearly freed the coal from sulphur. Prof. Jackson's analysis of the Portsmouth coal is as follows:

Water and volatile matter.....	10.00
Carbon.....	84.50
Ashes of dark red color.....	5.50
Prof. Shaler's analysis of Cranston coal (1876) is:	
Volatile matter expelled at red heat.....	3.55
Carbon.....	82.25
Ash.....	3.65
Sulphur.....	0.026
Specific gravity.....	1.839
Hygroscopic moisture.....	8.55

The magnetic iron ore deposits at Cumberland are the most valuable in the State.

The "Cumberland Iron Hill" is a mass of ore 500 feet long, 150 wide and 104 high, and is estimated to contain over a million of tons above natural drainage, and probably a much larger quantity below. The ore averages 35 per cent., and is extremely free from sulphur and phosphorus, a late determination of P. being but 0.026. An analysis shows in one specimen 35.86 per cent. iron, and another 33 per cent., and the silica 25.54 per cent.

Dr. Chilton's analysis is:	
Peroxide and protoxide of iron.....	58.50
Oxide of manganese.....	2.10
Oxide of titanium.....	3.66
Alumina and silica.....	26.34
Magnesia.....	6.80
Lime.....	0.64
Water and loss.....	4.96
Metallic iron.....	42.58

There are also hematite deposits, the largest being at Cranston, R. I.

Prof. Willis' analysis of this ore in 1870 is as follows:

Volatile matter.....	14.95
Peroxide of iron.....	76.285
Protoxide ".....	trace
Silica.....	4.54
Alumina.....	2.10
Sulphuric acid.....	0.118
Phosphoric acid.....	0.453
Protoxide of manganese.....	0.08
Lime.....	0.50
Magnesia.....	0.41
Loss.....	0.20

Metallic iron..... 39.939

" in calcined ore..... 63.60

Sulphur..... 0.039

Phosphorus..... 0.182

It has been estimated that pig iron can be produced at less than \$16 per ton, which is probable if the coal is a good blast furnace fuel. Whether it is or not, it seems likely that an ore of this quality, so near tide-water, may find a profitable market.

ANALYSIS OF SOME TELLURUM MINERALS.—E. P. JENNINGS.

The specimens analyzed are from the John Jay Mine, Boulder county, Colorado, where the mineral occurs in quite large masses, though mixed with more or less silica and iron pyrites. It is usually a fine-grained, tin-white mineral, but sometimes occurs in distorted hexagonal prisms in cavities in the quartz. Before the blow-pipe it gives the reactions for tellurium, sulphur and iron; by cupellation yields a small amount of gold. An analysis of a coarsely crystallized specimen gave the following results:

Specific gravity.....	\$105
Tellurium.....	58.40
Gold.....	1.36
Iron pyrites.....	24.97
Ferrous oxide.....	4.17
Silica and insoluble.....	11.54
Silver, lead and mercury.....	traces
	100.59

Deducting the pyrites, iron oxide and silica, we have for the composition of the mineral:

Tellurium.....	98.30
Gold.....	2.29
	100.59

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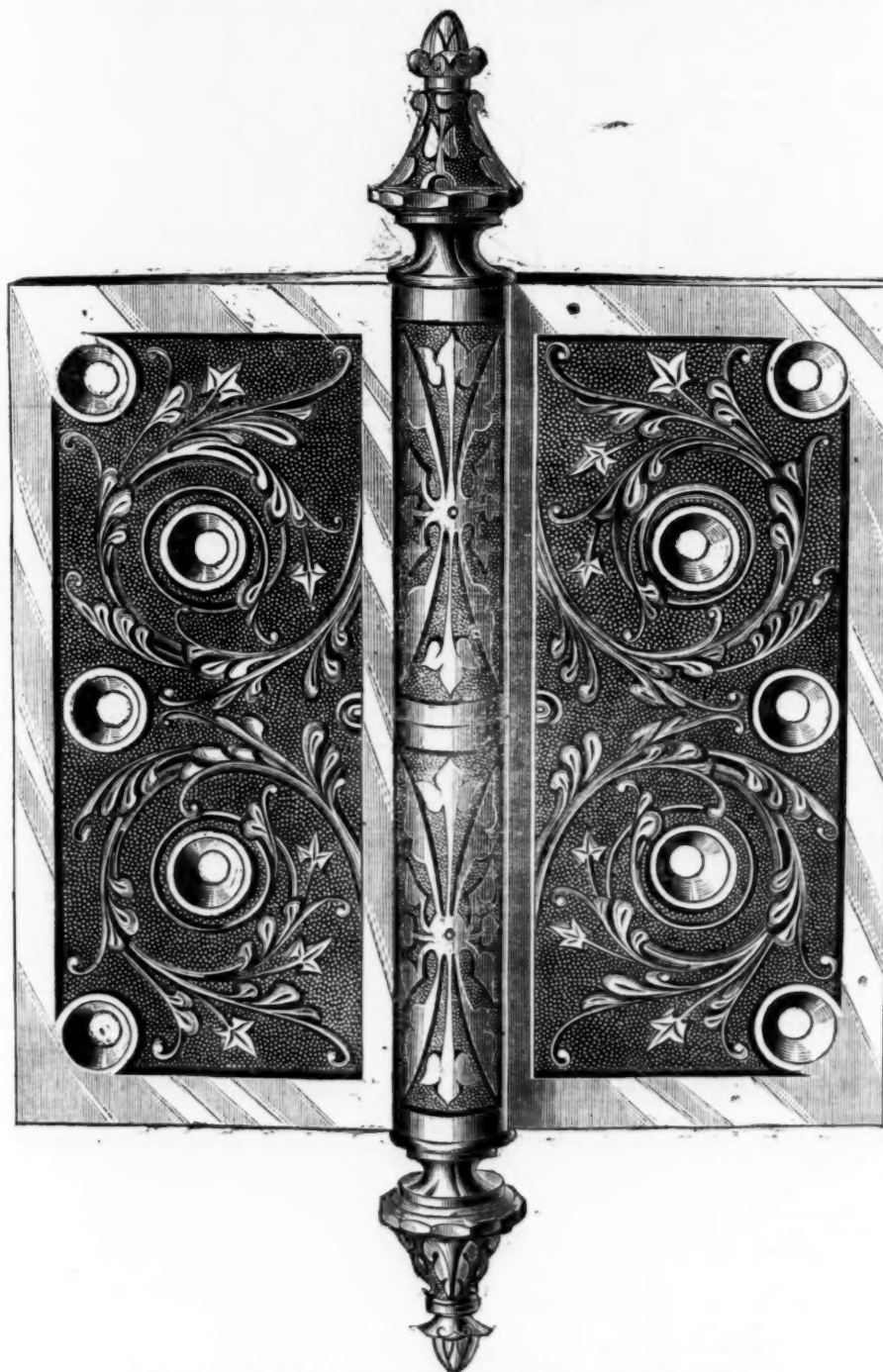
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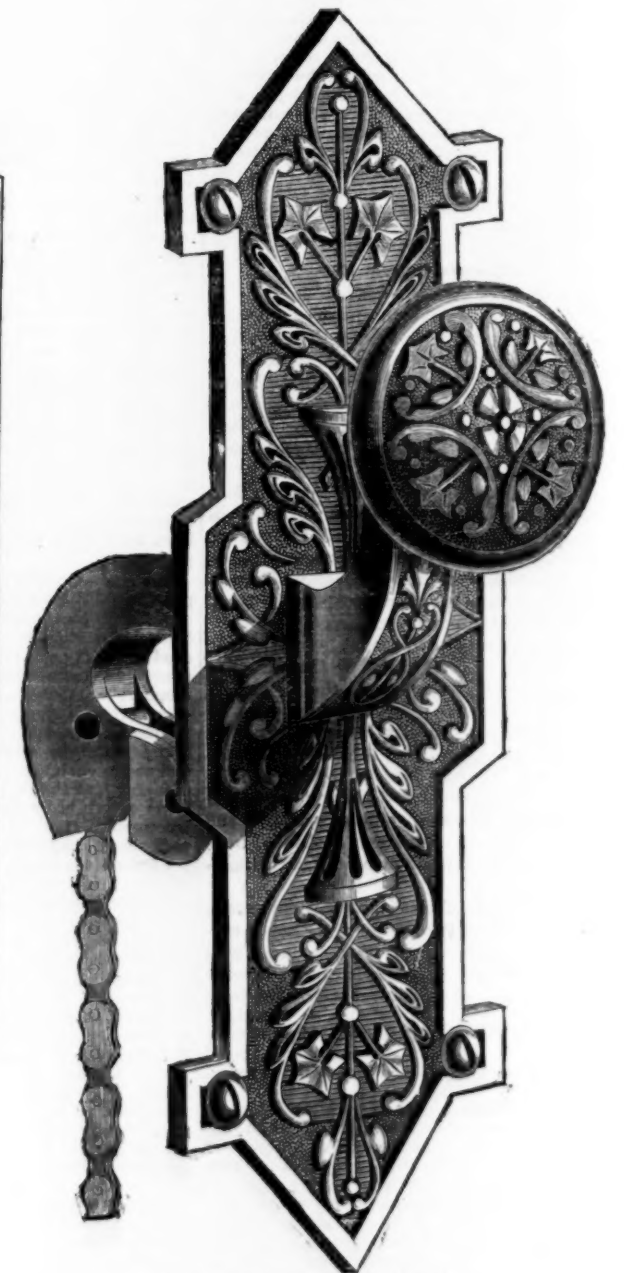
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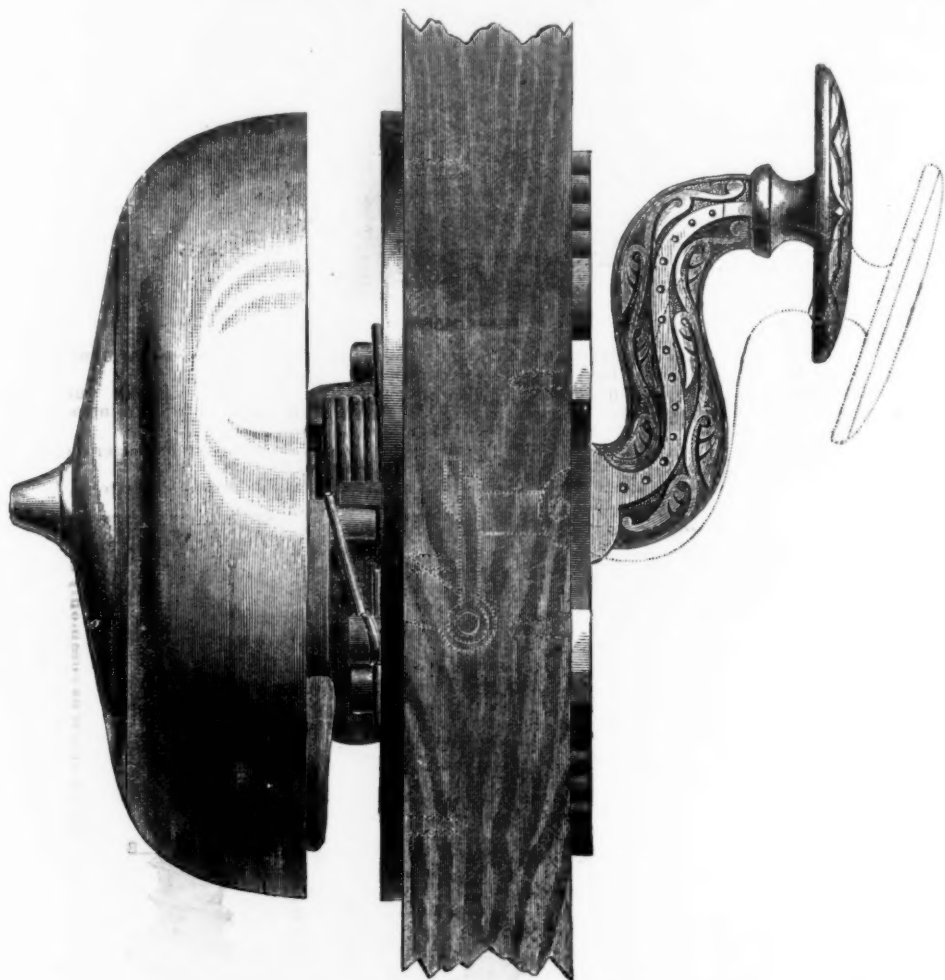
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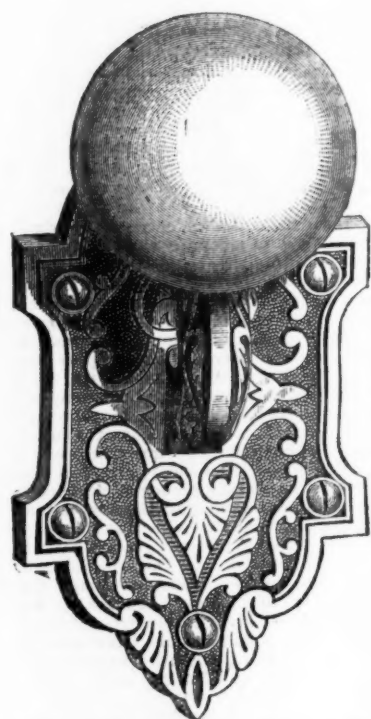
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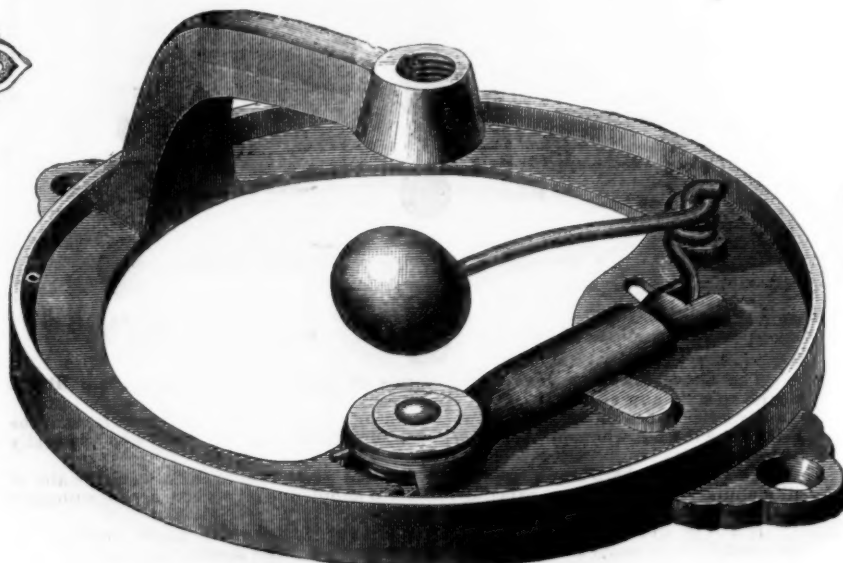


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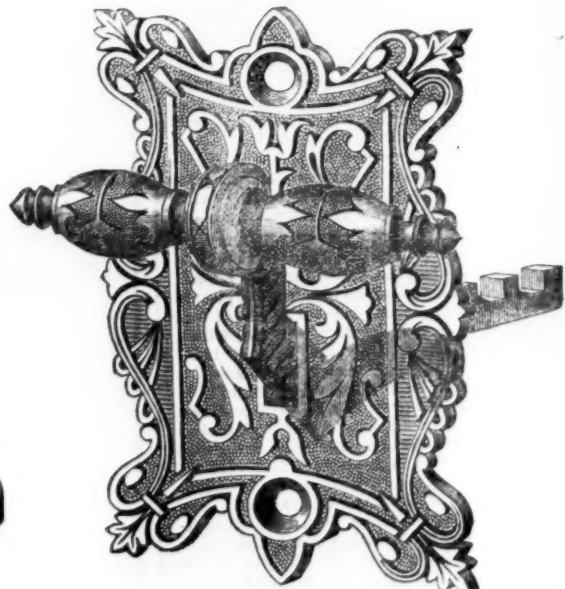
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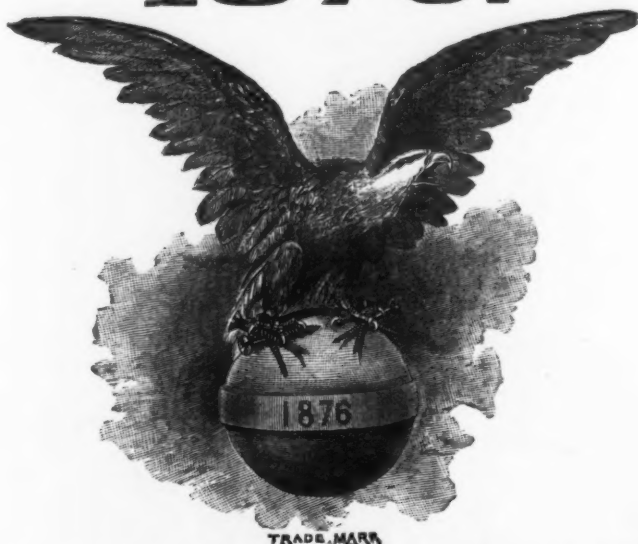
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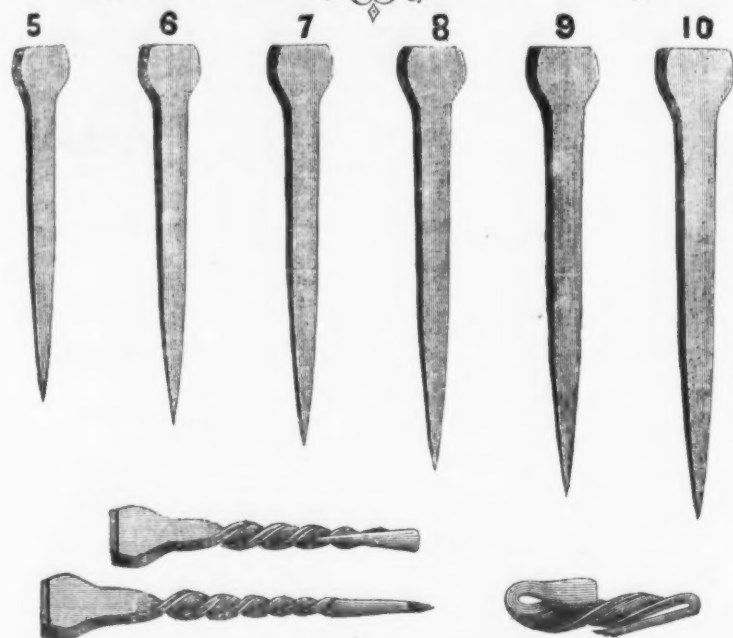
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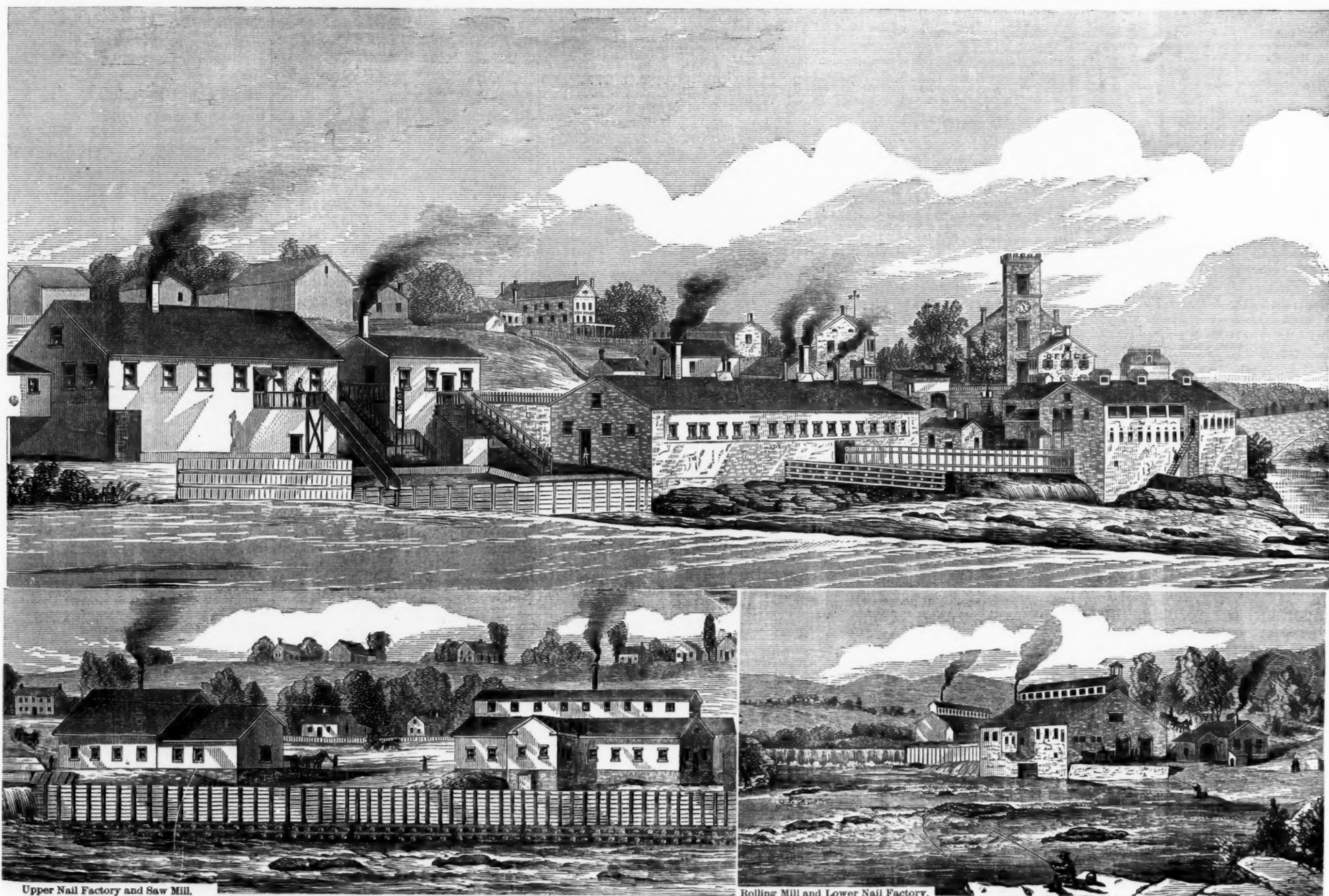
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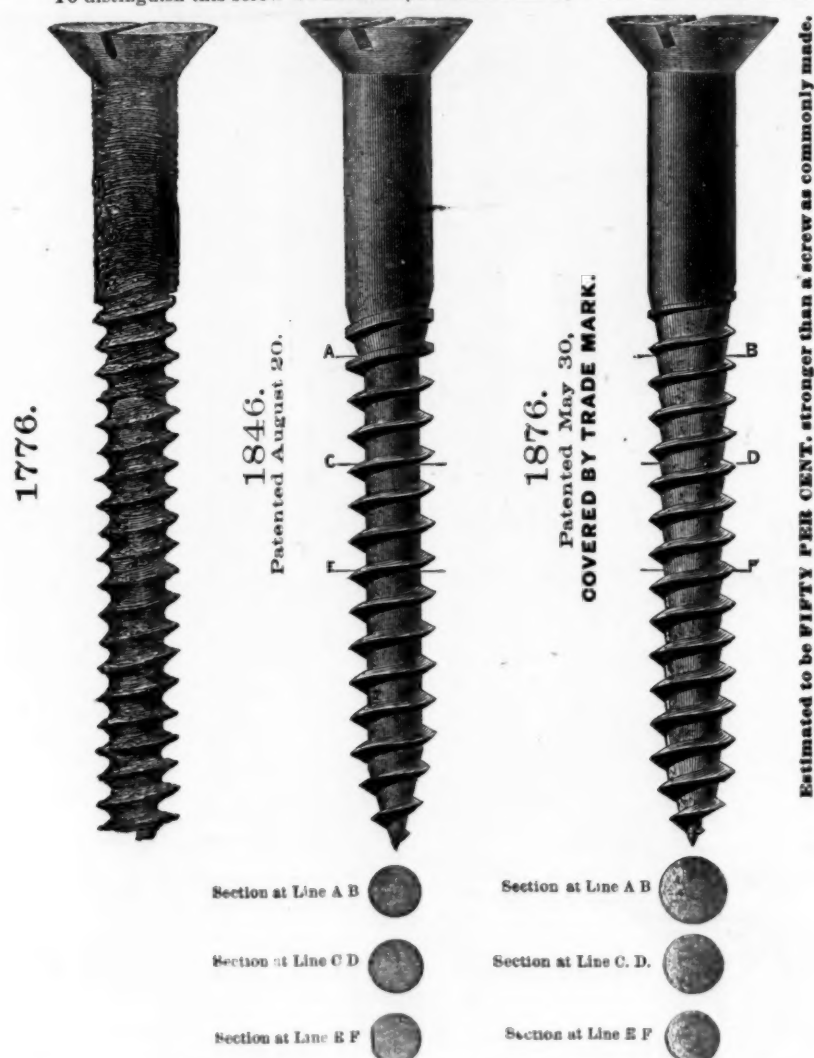
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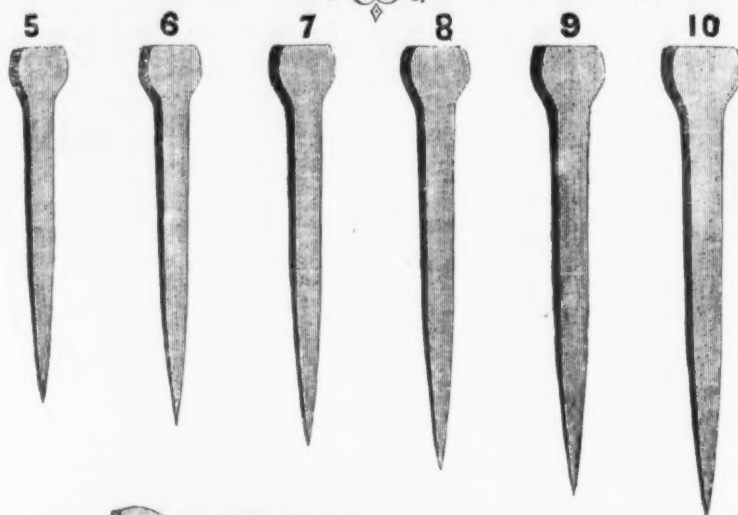
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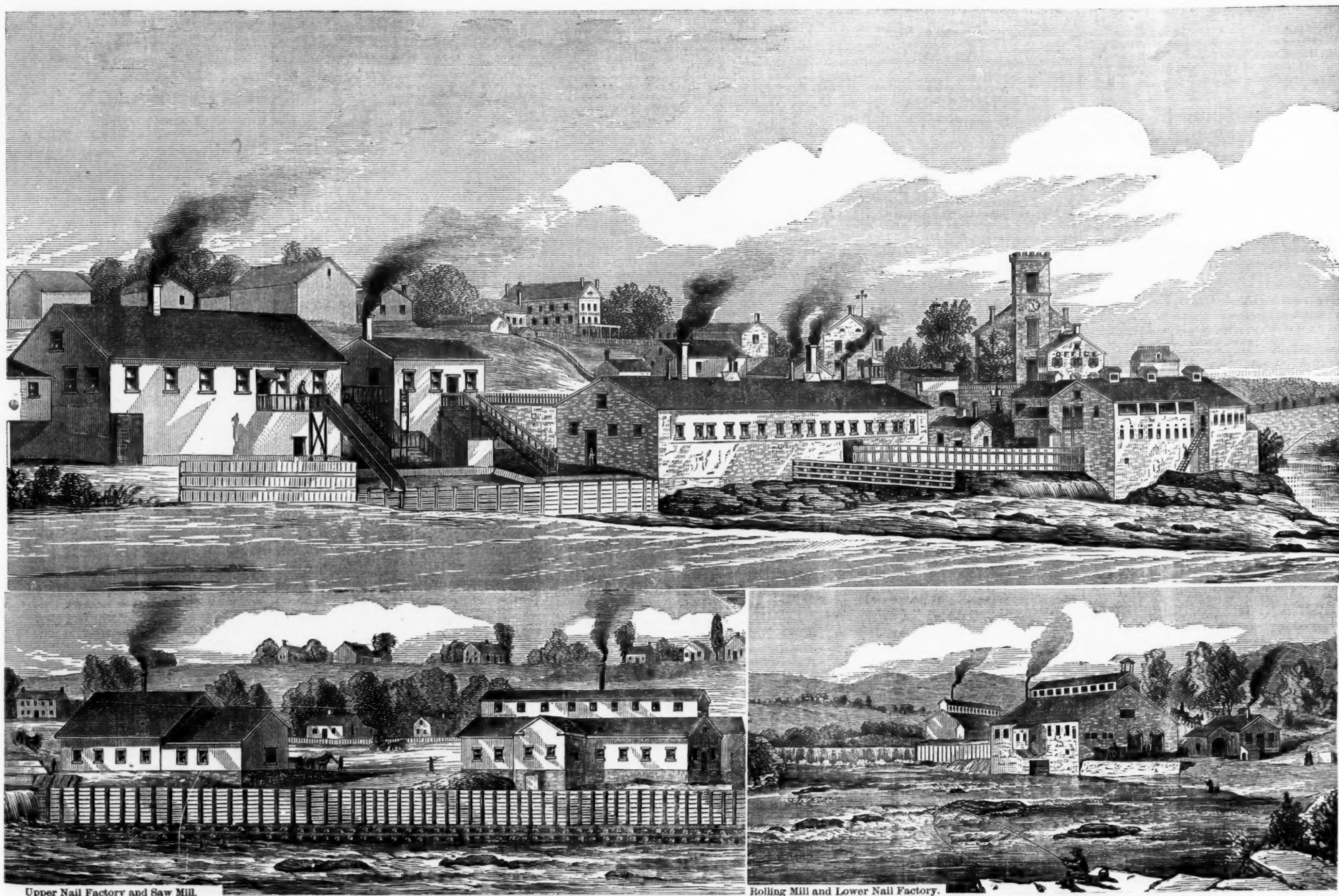
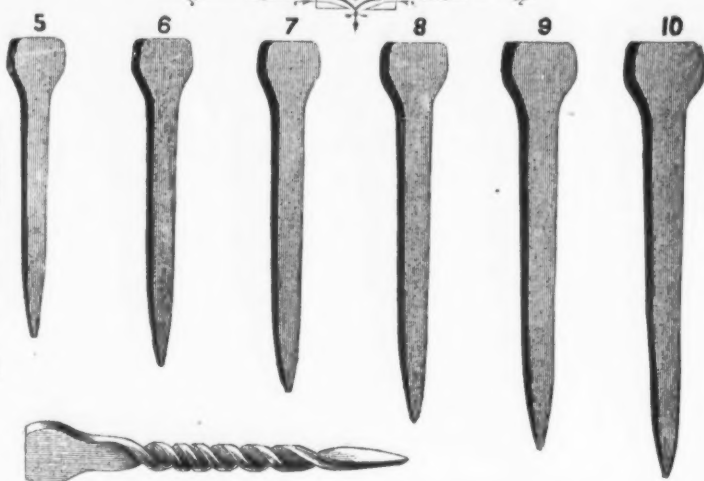
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PREFACE.

In ten years spent at molding and in the foundry business, and four years in traveling through the United States, in introducing a chemical flux for iron, I have seen the lack of regularity, and the bad effects of it, in the construction and management of foundry cupolas and furnaces, and the want of a guide or rule for their construction and management. At the earnest solicitation of many foundrymen, I have undertaken the publication of this small work, with a view of throwing some light upon the subject of melting iron, and the construction and management of cupolas and furnaces—a subject that always seems to be enshrouded in mystery.

All the theories that I have advanced in this work are from notes taken from practical observation while visiting different foundries, in the flux business, and from a chemical knowledge of the laws of combustion and heat, as well as of the laws of chemical affinity of one element for another. By giving a few explanations of causes and effects I hope to establish some regularity in the melting of iron for foundry purposes.

I have also added a few recipes for the forming of alloys, and a general description of all the metals, minerals and gases used in the art of founding, as well as their application, all of which I have endeavored to place before the reader, clothed in popular language, so that all who can read may fully understand this interesting subject; for this reason, I have endeavored to avoid using any of the chemical and technical terms which are usually applied to this subject, as they often have a tendency to embarrass, rather than to enlighten, the reader.

THE AUTHOR.

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Prof. W. M. Williams' paper, entitled "A Theory of Steel," is a synopsis of the conclusions reached after a careful examination of the chemical and physical properties of iron and steel. It advances a new view of the relations of iron and carbon in alloy, and will be read with peculiar interest by all who have followed the discussion which has been going on for some years past as to the proper definition of steel.

Mr. J. G. Murphy's paper on "Blast Furnace Records," gives a scheme for a complete system of blast furnace book-keeping, based upon the method taught by Prof. Thomas Eggleston at the School of Mines, Columbia College, N. Y. It presents in a manner easily understood, the complete working of a furnace, and shows exactly the relation between the determinations in the laboratory, and the product in the casting-house.

Mr. W. F. Durfee's paper, on "Forgings at the Centennial Exhibition," is a careful and intelligent examination of the products of the several nations in this department of iron-working, for which the writer, an experienced ironmaster, and judge of the group including iron forging, enjoyed peculiar facilities.

Mr. C. Kirchhoff's paper, on "Desilverizing Lead," records an interesting and important experiment made at the Delaware Lead Works, Philadelphia, to desilverize lead without previous refining to remove the antimony and arsenic.

Mr. Wm. Metcalf's paper, on the "Effect of Heat on the Structure of Steel," is of great practical value, and is illustrated by a double-page plate which shows in the clearest and most striking manner the grain of steel at the point of fracture. The paper is full of valuable suggestions to consumers of steel on heat-treating and tempering, the restoration of "burnt" steel, &c.

Professor R. H. Thurston's paper, on the "Mechanical Treatment of Metals," concludes the valuable series begun in the September issue.

Mr. Edmund C. Peachin's article, on "The New Iron District of Ohio," concludes his exhaustive discussion of the claims of this region to recognition as a future great center of iron production. In this paper Mr. Peachin treats principally of the ores, and his conclusions, reached after a careful examination of the whole field, will not be reassuring to those who have invested in furnace plants. His discussion of the ore deposits of the district is very thorough, and with a desire to take the most favorable view of the ore resources of the section consistent with truth, he does not hesitate to state the facts. He thinks the Bessemer ores of this district will especially disappoint the expectations which have been based upon them; and concludes after careful survey that a very close examination of all the conditions affecting success should precede the investment of a single dollar in plant.

D. K. Tebberoff's "Notes on the Manufacture of Bessemer Steel," is a continuation of the paper begun in our October issue. This is pronounced by high authorities the most complete and valuable study of the Bessemer process ever made, and the reputation of the author as a metallurgical engineer has long been recognized in this country.

Mr. A. C. Kirk's paper on "The Effect of Punching on Iron and Steel Plates," is a practical examination of the physical changes produced in iron and steel by punching, with illustrations.

Besides the above, there are many short articles of interest and value, named in the contents, which note whatever is of current interest in metallurgical science at home and abroad.

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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 31, 1877.

During the past week Wall street has been without feature of general interest, and the Exchange has been wholly under the control of speculative cliques. The money market has become more easy, owing to the lessened drain of currency to the West and the receipts from other cities, which have more than made up the demand of the South for currency to move the cotton crop. The sales on call loans have declined from 6 @ 7 to 5 @ 6 per cent. and lower. The rate of discount on prime business paper has ranged from 6 1/2 to 9 per cent.

The gold market has witnessed no important changes, and the premium has ranged under 102 1/2. The following table shows the highest and lowest daily quotations since our last report:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday	102 1/2	102 1/2
Friday	102 1/2	102 1/2
Saturday	102 1/2	102 1/2
Monday	102 1/2	102 1/2
Tuesday	102 1/2	102 1/2
Wednesday	102 1/2	102 1/2

Government bonds have been firm but without important feature. State bonds are dull, but as the rule strong. Railway mortgages are fairly active, and are quoted somewhat higher. We give below the closing quotations of United States bonds.

In the stock market there has been some speculative activity, but the market has been uneven, and in the main heavy. The principal transactions have been in New York Central, Lake Shore, Western Union, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, North-western, St. Paul and Michigan Central. Much interest is manifested on the street in a plan for the reorganization of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, which may be briefly described as follows: The time for payment of the floating debt is to be extended to 1880, both principal and interest to be paid in 12 installments. The holders of the second mortgage bonds are to receive for two years' interest preferred stock to the amount of \$2,800,000, being 7 per cent. on \$20,000,000 of bonds, the stockholders to pay an assessment of \$10 per share, for which they are to receive preferred stock to the amount of \$2,000,000, and 10 per cent. of the present capital stock is to be converted into preferred stock—\$2,000,000. The plan will not result in a return to the Lehigh Navigation Company of its canals and railroads.

The bank statement shows an increase in the total reserve of \$88,300—the difference between a gain of \$802,500 in the specie average and a loss of \$714,200 in the legal tender note average. By reason of the reduction of deposit liabilities, the surplus reserve gained \$516,600, and is now \$8,095,325. The following is a comparison of the bank aggregate averages for the past two weeks:

	Oct. 20.	Oct. 27.	Differences.
Loans	\$238,183,800	\$236,287,400	Inc. \$1,896,400
Specie	16,519,900	17,324,400	Inc. 804,500
Legal tenders	20,400,300	20,231,100	Dec. 169,200
Deposits	102,561,500	102,848,700	Dec. 277,200
Circulation	16,230,300	16,720,000	Inc. 489,700

The foreign trade movement for the week is shown in the following tables:

	For week ended Oct. 27.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Total for week	\$5,130,859	\$5,091,027	\$4,873,773	\$5,873,773
Prev. reported	2,771,777	2,346,029	2,281,011	2,281,011

Since Jan. 1... \$28,848,547 \$27,807,206 \$230,935,700

	Quantity.	Value.
Anvils	176	\$1,517
Brass goods	9	2,586
Bronzes	1	5,188
Chains and Anchors	1	90
Copper	734	734
Cutlery	44	16,999
Guns	2	6,073
Hardware	2	86
Iron, pig, tons	600	9,466
Iron, sheet, tons	1,308	1,308
Iron, other, tons	878	27,339
Lead, pigs	4	4,557
Metal goods	77	11,233
Nails	6	3,260
Needles	38	11,006
Old Metal	1	2,127
Per. caps	16	2,191
Saddlery	1	370
Steel	1,098	11,181
Silverware	1	1,152
Tin, bxs.	26,180	137,284
Tin, 2 1/2 slabs	138,422	20,780
Wire	1	1,821

For week ended Oct. 30:

	1875.	1876.	1877.
For the week	\$5,893,917	\$6,091,516	\$7,808,369
Prev. reported	2,068,448	2,173,448	2,354,457

Since Jan. 1... \$12,062,359 \$22,535,964 \$243,253,966

For week ended Oct. 27:

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Total for week	\$248,780	\$248,780	\$248,780
Previously reported	23,513,360	23,513,360	23,513,360

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Total since Jan. 1, 1877	\$23,792,106	\$23,792,106	\$23,792,106
Same time in 1876	41,485,204	41,485,204	41,485,204
Same time in 1875	67,031,774	67,031,774	67,031,774
Same time in 1874	44,034,718	44,034,718	44,034,718
Same time in 1873	43,736,183	43,736,183	43,736,183
Same time in 1872	25,276,997	25,276,997	25,276,997

Government bonds close as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 6's	110 1/2	110 3/4
U. S. 6's 1881 registered	110 1/2	110 3/4
U. S. 6's 1881 coupon	110 1/2	110 3/4
U. S. 6's 1885 new reg.	105 1/2	105 3/4
U. S. 6's 1885 coupon	105 1/2	105 3/4
U. S. 6's 1887 reg.	105 1/2	105 3/4
U. S. 6's 1887 coupon	105 1/2	105 3/4
U. S. 6's 1888 reg.	105 1/2	105 3/4
U. S. 6's 1888 coupon	105 1/2	105 3/4
U. S. 10-40 reg.	107 1/2	107 3/4
U. S. 10-40 coupon	107 1/2	107 3/4
U. S. 5's 1881 registered	107 1/2	107 3/4
U. S. 5's 1881 coupon	107 1/2	107 3/4
U. S. 4 1/2's 1881 registered	105 1/2	105 3/4
U. S. 4 1/2's 1881 coupon	105 1/2	105 3/4
U. S. 4's 1891 registered	102 1/2	102 3/4
U. S. 4's 1891 coupon	102 1/2	102 3/4

The following are the closing quotations of active shares:

	Bid.	Asked.
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph	10 1/2	10 3/4
Chicago and Northwest	10 1/2	10 3/4
Chicago and St. Paul	10 1/2	10 3/4
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	10 1/2	10 3/4
Chicago, Bur. and Quincy	10 1/2	10 3/4
Clev. Col. and Ind.	41	41 1/2
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	71	71 1/2
Chicago and Alton	71	71 1/2

Chicago and Alton Pref.	102
Consolidated Coal	30
Canton	25
Delaware, Lack. and Western	50 1/2
Delaware and Hudson Canal	45 1/2
Express-Adams	97
" American	53
" United States	44 1/2
" Wells, Fargo & Co.	86
* Erie	12
Harlem	142
Hannibal and St. Joseph	12
Illinois Central	73 1/2
Lake Shore	68 1/2
Michigan Central	63 1/2
Morris and Essex	75
Milwaukee and St. Paul	33
Mariposa	13 1/2
New York Central	105 1/2
New Jersey Central	15 1/2
New Jersey Southern	15 1/2
Ohio and Mississippi	9
Pacific Mail	93 1/2
Panama	128
Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne	85
Pacific of Missouri	10 1/2
Quicksilver	16 1/2
St. Louis Kansas City Northern	45 1/2
Toledo, Wabash and Western	35
Union Pacific	67 1/2
Western Union Telegraph	80 1/2
* Ex. dividend.	

Mr. Ogden Haight, No. 65 Wall street, sends us the following report of the business of the New York Mining Stock Exchange for the week ending Oct. 31:

	Closing Quotations.	Shares Sold.
Alpha	12 1/2	10,200
American Flag	4.00	10,200
Belcher	5.00	10,200
Bertha & Edith	.05	14,550
Best & Belcher	16.25	
Bullion	4.75	
Caledonia	2.75	
California	27.50	
Chollar Pokosi	28.37 1/2	
Cleveland	7.00	
Consolidated Imperial	26.00	
Confidence	5.25	
Crown Point	4.75	
Eureka	4.25	
Eschschuer	5.25	
Gould & Curry	7.87 1/2	
Granville	.26	1,200
Hale & Norcross	.26	1,200
Hukill	4.25	1,800
Julia Consolidated	8.12 1/2	
Justice	8.87 1/2	
Kentuck	6.87 1/2	
Lacrosse	15.00	
Leopard	1.00	3,300
Lucerne	.18	
* Mariposa Preferred		
Mexican	0.12 1/2	
Moore	6.62 1/2	18,300
New York and Colorado	1.87 1/2	3,400
Northern Belle	16.25	
Ontario	23.75	
Ophir	13.12 1/2	
Overman	16.00	
* Quicksilver Preferred		
Raymond & Ely	7.87 1/2	
St. Joseph Lead	offered at 5.00	
Seaton	8.37 1/2	
Segregated Belcher	16.25	1,000
Sierra Nevada	3.62 1/2	
Silver Hill	1.87 1/2	
Union Consolidated	8.62 1/2	
Yellow Jacket	8.62 1/2	

Our operations continue to be confined mostly to Colorado stocks. More real dealing in Californias is, however, noticeable, though omitted from our list of sales. The difficulty is in getting certificates here. The stock of the American Mining Co. of Sunshine, Colorado, was called for the first time yesterday. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, in shares of \$10. The company own the American and Ajax lodes, in the center of the tellurium belt, Boulder county. The stock rose rapidly from \$3.50 to \$4, the closing price. It promises to become very active. American Flag continues to show some activity, some sales having been made at 15c, closing at 13c. Bertha and Edith sold from 8c. down to 5c. per share. Granville is controlled by the owners of Bertha and Edith. Hukill declined from \$4.50 to \$4.25, from no known reason. Lacrosse is dull at 30c. to 31c. Moore opened at \$6.12 1/2 and closed at \$6.62 1/2. Ontario closed at \$23.75. Seaton opened at \$1.05 and closed at \$1.40. Gen. J. F. L. Vinton, formerly of the Colorado College School of Mines, is now superintendent of this property.

GENERAL HARDWARE.

Considerable improvement in the demand for Hardware is reported this week. In regard to prices no changes of any importance have occurred. The demand for Foreign Hardware is good, considering the season, and some fair sized orders for spring importation have been placed during the week.

Hermann Boker & Co. have been appointed agents for Peugeot's Horse Clippers, which they quote at \$3 each, currency. These goods are similar in construction to Clark's Clipper, but are stronger.

Fernald & Sise have been appointed sole agents in this city for S. H. & E. Y. Moore, Chicago, Ill., and will carry in stock at their warehouse, No. 100 Chambers street, a full assortment of their specialties, viz., "Climax" Barn Door Hangers, "Acme" Barn Door Rollers, Moore's Anti-Friction Sliding Door Sheaves, Parlor Door Hangers, Dumb Waiter Pulleys, &c. In the advertisement of S. H. & E. Y. Moore, on page 29, illustrations of some of these goods are presented.

The Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. have issued some extra pages for insertion in their illustrated catalogue, showing their new patterns of "Secure Lever" Chest, Drawer and Wardrobe Locks.

There is no change to notice in the condition of the Nail market, and we continue to quote 10d \$2.50, less 10 cents per keg to the trade.

Peck & Snyder, No. 124 Nassau street, have issued a revised price list for their Self-adjusting Club and other styles of Skates, which we print below. The regular trade discount on Club and Wood Top Skates is 25 per cent.; those goods marked "Job Lots" are net. Purchasers of 50 pairs of Club Skates during the season will be entitled to an extra or quantity discount.

Peck & Snyder's Patent Self-adjusting American Club Skates.

No. 1, sizes 8 to 11 1/2 inches. Blue Steel Foot Plates and Clamps, with the best tempered runner, and polished blades. Price per pair.....\$5.00

No. 2, same as No. 1, only full Nickel-plated. Price per pair.....6.00

No. 3, full plated and bright finished throughout, and Nickel-plated. Price per pair.....7.00

Peck & Snyder's "Clipper" or N. Y. Club Skates. No. 1, sizes 8 to 11 1/2 inches. Price per pair.....\$3.00

No. 2, same as No. 1, only full Nickel-plated. Price per pair.....4.00

No. 3, full plated and bright finished throughout and full Nickel-plated. Price per pair.....5.00

All Clamp Club Skates. All Clamp A. C., lengths 8 to 12 inches, blades made of best imported steel extra tempered, blue steel sole and heel plates, double-acting heel and toe clamps, warranted in all its parts. Price per pair.....\$4.00

All Clamp B. L., lengths 8 to 12 inches, polished blades, japanned steel sole and heel plates, double-acting heel and toe clamps. The cheapest all clamp Club Skates. Price per pair.....\$2.50

Job Lot 574 pair Strapped Club Skates. Sizes in Stock.

25 pair 10 1/2 12 1/2 14 1/2 16 1/2 18 1/2 20 1/2 22 1/2 24 1/2 26 1/2 28 1/2 30 1/2 32 1/2 34 1/2 36 1/2 38 1/2 40 1/2 42 1/2 44 1/2 46 1/2 48 1/2 50 1/2 52 1/2 54 1/2 56 1/2 58 1/2 60 1/2 62 1/2 64 1/2 66 1/2 68 1/2 70 1/2 72 1/2 74 1/2 76 1/2 78 1/2 80 1/2 82 1/2 84 1/2 86 1/2 88 1/2 90 1/2 92 1/2 94 1/2 96 1/2 98 1/2 100 1/2 102 1/2 104 1/2 106 1/2 108 1/2 110 1/2 112 1/2 114 1/2 116 1/2 118 1/2 120 1/2 122 1/2 124 1/2 126 1/2 128 1/2 130 1/2 132 1/2 134 1/2 136 1/2 138 1/2 140 1/2 142 1/2 144 1/2 146 1/2 148 1/2 150 1/2 152 1/2 154 1/2 156 1/2 158 1/2 160 1/2 162 1/2 164 1/2 166 1/2 168 1/2 170 1/2 172 1/2 174 1/2 176 1/2 178 1/2 180 1/2 182 1/2 184 1/2 186 1/2 188 1/2 190 1/2 192 1/2 194 1/2 196 1/2 198 1/2 200 1/2 202 1/2 204 1/2 206 1/2 208 1/2 210 1/2 212 1/2 214 1/2 216 1/2 218 1/2 220 1/2 222 1/2 224 1/2 226 1/2 228 1/2 230 1/2 232 1/2 234 1/2 236 1/2 238 1/2 240 1/2 242 1/2 244 1/2 246 1/2 248 1/2 250 1/2 252 1/2 254 1/2 256 1/2 258 1/2 260 1/2 262 1/2 264 1/2 266 1/2 268 1/2 270 1/2 272 1/2 274 1/2 276 1/2 278 1/2 280 1/2 282 1/2 284 1/2 286 1/2 288 1/2 290 1/2 292 1/2 294 1/2 296 1/2 298 1/2 300 1/2 302 1/2 304 1/2 306 1/2 308 1/2 310 1/2 312 1/2 314 1/2 316 1/2 318 1/2 320 1/2 322 1/2 324 1/2 326 1/2 328 1/2 330 1/2 332 1/2 334 1/2 336 1/2 338 1/2 340 1/2 342 1/2 344 1/2 346 1/2 348 1/2 350 1/2 352 1/2 354 1/2 356 1/2 358 1/2 360 1/2 362 1/2 364 1/2 366 1/2 368 1/2 370 1/2 372 1/2 374 1/2 376 1/2 378 1/2 380 1/2 382 1/2 384 1/2 386 1/2 388 1/2 390 1/2 392 1/2 394 1/2 396 1/2 398 1/2 400 1/2 402 1/2 404 1/2 406 1/2 408 1/2 410 1/2 412 1/2 414 1/2 416 1/2 418 1/2 420 1/2 422 1/2 424 1/2 426 1/2 428 1/2 430 1/2 432 1/2 434 1/2 436 1/2 438 1/2 440 1/2 442 1/2 444 1/2 446 1/2 448 1/2 450 1/2 452 1/2 454 1/2 456 1/2 458 1/2 460 1/2 462 1/2 464 1/2 466 1/2 468 1/2 470 1/2 472 1/2 474 1/2 476 1/2 478 1/2 480 1/2 482 1/2 484 1/2 486 1/2 488 1/2 490 1/2 492 1/2 494 1/2 496 1/2 498 1/2 500 1/2 502 1/2 504 1/2 506 1/2 508 1/2 510 1/2 512 1/2 514 1/2 516 1/2 518 1/2 520 1/2 522 1/2 524 1/2 526 1/2 528 1/2 530 1/2 532 1/2 534 1/2 536 1/2 538 1/2 540 1/2 542 1/2 544 1/2 546 1/2 548 1/2 550 1/2 552 1/2 554 1/2 556 1/2 558 1/2 560 1/2 562 1/2 564 1/2 566 1/2 568 1/2 570 1/2 572 1/2 574 1/2 576 1/2 578 1/2 580 1/2 582 1/2 584 1/2 586 1/2 588 1/2 590 1/2 592 1/2 594 1/2 596 1/2 598 1/2 600 1/2 602 1/2 604 1/2 606 1/2 608 1/2 610 1/2 612 1/2 614 1/2 616 1/2 618 1/2 620 1/2 622 1/2 624 1/2 626 1/2 628 1/2 630 1/2 632 1/2 634 1/2 636 1/2 638 1/2 640 1/2 642 1/2 644 1/2 646 1/2 648 1/2 650 1/2 652 1/2 654 1/2 656 1/2 658 1/2 660 1/2 662 1/2 664 1/2 666 1/2 668 1/2 670 1/2 672 1/2 674 1/2 676 1/2 678 1/2 680 1/2 682 1/2 684 1/2 686 1/2 688 1/2 690 1/2 692 1/2 694 1/2 696 1/2 698 1/2 700 1/2 702 1/2 704 1/2 706 1/2 708 1/2 710 1/2 712 1/2 714 1/2 716 1/2 718 1/2 720 1/2 722 1/2 724 1/2 726 1/2 728 1/2 730 1/2 732 1/2 734 1/2 736 1/2 738 1/2 740 1/2 742 1/2 744 1/2 746 1/2 748 1/2 750 1/2 752 1/2 754 1/2 756 1/2 758 1/2 760 1/2 762 1/2 764 1/2 766 1/2 768 1/2 770 1/2 772 1/2 774 1/2 776 1/2 778 1/2 780 1/2 782 1/2 784 1/2 786 1/2 788 1/2 790 1/2 792 1/2 794 1/2 796 1/2 798 1/2 800 1/2 802 1/2 804 1/2 806 1/2 808 1/2 810 1/2 812 1/2 814 1/2 816 1/2 818 1/2 820 1/2 822 1/2 824 1/2 826 1/2 828 1/2 830 1/2 832 1/2 834 1/2 836 1/2 838 1/2 840 1/2 842 1/2 844 1/2 846 1/2 848 1/2 850 1/2 852 1/2 854 1/2 856 1/2 858 1/2 860 1/2 862 1/2 864 1/2 866 1/2 868 1/2 870 1/2 872 1/2 874 1/2 876

found that all the cars were of American build. On inquiring from Alderman Bannister, who is the life and soul of the Hull

Tramways Company, why he had not come to Birmingham for the cars he wanted, he informed me that he had a very good reason indeed, viz., that he had been able to buy the cars, delivered in Hull, for an average of £35 per car less than the English prices." On referring to your export list for the earlier part of this month, I find corroborative evidence of the truth of this statement in the shape of shipments of car wheels direct to Hull. Our principal car manufacturing company is, I believe, the Star-buck Co. of Birkenhead.

STAFFORDSHIRE AND BIRMINGHAM

are quiet, so far as the iron trade is in question, particularly as regards finished iron. The orders in hand are of very small size, and only serve to give employment on about half time. Thin sheets, for stamping and other hardware purposes, are in fair request, and there are some tolerably good export orders for plain and galvanized sheets in the hands of the larger houses. The stocks of pig iron are heavy, and move off slowly. In connection with the hardware branches I may state that the old-established Birmingham house of T. W. Harrold, American merchant, has been absorbed into that of Alfred Field & Co., of New Edmund street, in the same town, and will hereafter be carried on under the title of the latter. In some of the lighter trades there is a rather more cheerful feeling, a state of things which may possibly be the outcome of the new quarterly orders, or it may have been brought about by the recent almost general, albeit slight, reductions of quotations. Trade with the United States is said to be better, and good orders have come to hand from South America—chiefly from Brazil and the River Plate. I may here state that the failure of Messrs. Sauerman & Hatch, merchants (alluded to in a former paragraph), has arisen out of complications in the Chilean trade. From the Spanish West Indies and India most recent reports are more hopeful than of late.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE

are quiet, and none of the works are more than one-half employed, with the exception of one or two Bessemer places. At some establishments Australian rail orders have been placed, but they are not of large proportions. Last week's exports from these ports of iron and steel were 7532 tons, and of coal, 87,533 tons. The former was mostly for India, Sweden and the Cape, but included 300 tons of "spelter iron" to New York, and 37 tons of tin to the same port. In the tin-plate branches there has been no especial change, but prospects are said to have recently become rather brighter.

THE FATE OF CYFARTHRA

is characteristically explained in a letter just forwarded by Mr. Crawshaw to one of his workmen, in response to an inquiry of the latter. The letter runs thus: "Trade is worse than ever it was, and I see not the slightest chance of Cyfarthra starting again. I believe if it ever does start it will be under different circumstances, as it will require a large sum to be laid out in improvements. I am too near my grave to think of doing any of the sort. I think so badly of trade altogether that I have no wish to see my sons remain in it. I do not think I can live very long, and if I can, shall sell the works before I die. There is nothing now to bind me to them, for I have been estranged from them by the conduct of the men. I always hoped to die with the works going, and the same feeling among the men for their employer; but things have changed, and I go to my grave feeling I am a perfect stranger, as all my old men have gone, or nearly so." This sounds despondent, but Mr. Russell Rea, the Liverpool agent for Mr. Crawshaw, writes to say that although the Cyfarthra Iron Works are idle, the collieries are busy enough, and are producing a large tonnage of steam coal for Cardiff, London, Liverpool, &c.

A GREAT COLLIERY SCANDAL

is talked about in South Wales, and is thus referred to by the Cardiff Western Mail: "We understand that steps are now being taken in London by gentlemen of experience, who are well advised, to investigate the circumstances connected with the recent sale of a large and important group of collieries in South Wales to a limited liability company, which is at the present moment in a very deplorable financial condition. These gentlemen are said to be in possession of sufficient facts to open out a startling history of the inception of the transaction and the enormous profit which was made, as they allege, corruptly, by the vendors. It is further stated that at an early date a meeting of the local shareholders will be called to obtain their support to the proceedings which are about to be taken." I believe I am correct in stating that this company was started in 1873, that its capital is £351,450, and that only one dividend (of 12½ per cent. for the first year) has ever been paid.

THE METAL MARKETS

have been rather brisker during the past week, and more business has been done. Von Daelzen & North say: Copper generally has been quiet. The quotation for Chili bars is rather higher, and a moderate business has been done in G. O. B. at £66 to £66. 10/6, according to brands; good to best brands at £67 to £67. 10/6. Three cargoes of furnace stuff have been sold at 12/3 for ore and 12/6 for regulus. The charters for second half of September are telegraphed as 2400 tons, of which 850 are ore and regulus. Nothing to report in Australian; Wallaroo quoted at £80; Burra, £74. English tough quoted at £71. 10/ to £72. 10/; select, £72. 10/ to £73. 10/; sheets, £77 to £78. Tin.—A considerable business has been done at higher rates; market closing firm, at £68 to £68. 10/ for both Straits and Australian. Banca quoted, 42½; Billiton, 41½; English ingots, £73 to £74. Tin plates continue in moderate demand. Lead slightly easier; soft English pig, £20. 5/ to £20. 7/6; soft Spanish without silver, £19. 15/ to £19. 17/6. Spelter quoted £19. 5/ to £19. 10/; Sheet Zinc.—Of 200 tons offered at public sale, 145 tons sold at £22. 10/ net. Quicksilver has advanced to £7. 15/ per bottle. Antimony, £45 to £49.

The Mining Journal remarks: "If money had been less easy and abundant, and the facilities for financing more difficult, the decline in our markets would doubtless have been quicker and greater; but as it has been

otherwise, the cheapness of money has materially contributed to the preservation of prices, and the existing interest of producers has been considerably benefited. Copper.—A moderate business only has been transacted, and prices, although decidedly easier, have undergone but trifling alteration. The advance in the Bank rate will, of course, have its effect presently, and the decline in the Indian exchange must shortly tell upon manufactured. Lead.—This market is steady. I. B. brand advanced to £20. 10/ Zinc.—145 tons out of 200 tons offered at public sale yesterday realized £22. 10/ net, being the same price as last. Quicksilver has had a sudden turn this week. On Monday and Tuesday orders of great magnitude, partly for consumptive and partly for speculative purposes, were placed at £7. 5/ and these purchases having materially decreased the stock in first hands, the importers raised their price on Wednesday to £7. 10/ and again on Thursday to £7. 15/ at which figure a moderate business has been transacted."

The directors of the Great Laxey Lead Mining Company (Isle of Man) have declared a dividend of 50 per cent. upon the paid-up capital, besides carrying over £1500 to the reserve fund, which remains at £5074, after paying £7000 for a new steamer and £5000 for the failure of the Buryport Company. The official report of the London Metal Exchange is as under: Copper unchanged; G. O. B. Chili bars, £66 to £66. 10/; Wallaroo quoted £80; Burra, £74 to £74. 10/; English tough, £71. 10/ to £72. 10/; best selected, £72. 10/ to £73. 10/; sheets, strong, £77; Indian, £76. Tin steady, with sales of Australian to the extent of about 100 tons, at £68 to £68. 10/ on the spot; also, 20 tons, 3 months' delivery, £68. 10/; Straits quoted £68. 10/; English ingots, £73 to £74. Scotch Pig Iron, 53/1½, cash. Lead quiet; English pig, £20. 5/ to £20. 7/6. Spelter, £19. 5/ to £19. 10/ for ordinary brand. Quicksilver, £7. 15/. Antimony, £48.

Latest Liverpool prices are:

Iron, f. o. b. in Liverpool, per ton.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Merchant bar.....	6 3 6 to 6 10 0	
Staffordshire.....	5 13 6 to 6 0 0	
Hoop.....	7 10 0 to 8 5 0	
Sheet.....	8 10 0 to 9 10 0	
Nail rod.....	7 0 0 to 7 10 0	
Bar, best crown.....	7 0 0 to 8 0 0	
Boiler plates.....	9 0 0 to 10 0 0	

Tin Plates, f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Charcoal, I. C.....	1 1 6 to 1 3 6	
Coke, I. C.....	0 17 6 to 0 19 6	

Copper, delivered in Liverpool, per ton.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bolt and sheathing.....	82 0 0 to 84 0 0	
Tile.....	75 0 0 to 80 0 0	
Tough cake.....	76 0 0 to 80 0 0	
Best selected.....	77 0 0 to 80 0 0	

German Exports to the United States.

The following is translated from the *Augsburg General Gazette*:

The Prussian Archives for Commerce, from the annual reports of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, publishes a special collation of the commercial relations between Germany and the United States during the fiscal years 1872 to 1876, ending with the 30th of June. The total export of Germany to the United States for 1876 amounted to \$35,448,117, against \$40,500,000 for 1875, \$45,100,000 for 1874, \$61,400,000 for 1873 and \$42,600,000 for 1872. The greatest part of the export consists of manufactures, among which cotton, woolen and silk manufactures, articles of fashion, watches and gloves are prominent. These six articles, with slight variations for the years 1872 to 1876, amounted to from 55 to 61 per cent. of the entire dutiable import into the United States. The value of the export from the United States to Germany for 1876 amounted to \$52,200,000, against \$53,700,000 for 1875, \$65,700,000 for 1874, \$63,500,000 for 1873 and \$41,200,000 for 1872, and embraces predominantly raw materials and goods partially manufactured. Of the articles sent by the United States to Germany, cotton, meats, refined petroleum, tobacco, leather, furs and grain (Indian corn, rye and wheat) largely predominate. Like them, the long series of the then following articles are nearly all such as, strictly speaking, do not belong to American industry. The eight classes of goods mentioned for the years 1872 to 1876 yielded always 80 to 85 per cent. of the total export of products of the United States bound for Germany.

The most remarkable phenomenon of these statements is the continuing decrease of the German export ever since 1873. They have essayed to find the cause for it partly in the stubborn protective tariff system of the United States, partly in the diminishing of the capacity of consumption there produced by the business crisis, and partly, too, in the free trade commercial policy of Germany. However, two points are here entirely overlooked. First, the great shrinkage in value of most goods within the last years is bound to bring the value of the exports back to their original figures, when compared with the years of the high prices, even though there is not as large an export. The export from the United States to Germany since 1874 is considerably diminished. The diminution of the German export, however, especially as against the years 1872 and 1873, is more particularly explained by the fact that pending and immediately after the French war, the export experienced an immense increase, because at that time French industry was bound partly to suspend its export, while the Americans purchased from Germany a large portion of the goods previously imported from France. When the French sources were reopened, the American purchasers returned mostly to their old purveyors. We may not deduce from this that the German manufacturers (except some individual specialties) did not give them full satisfaction. The business connections are rather so constituted that an old connection, like the French, is not so easily abandoned. Even with equal prices and merchandise as good, the new competitor has to stand back against the old connection. Therefore, German export in the last years had considerably to diminish, and the very German manufacturers who export their goods were not deceived in this, that they had to lose a large part of the business having come to

them accidentally in a French district, as soon as the French recommenced to export.

However, in spite of the inevitable diminution of the last years, evidently to be foreseen, the export to the United States has by no means declined, as is frequently assumed, and if the explanation is found in the "Prussian Archives for Commerce," that generally and as a whole the export tables exhibit but remainders of the sale, extremely large, realized by Germany previously in the United States, that assertion is directly refuted by the American statistics. As late as 1876 the German export to the United States had reached such figures as they had never attained previous to 1870. Excluding the years of the secession war, from 1862 to 1865, and the years of the war 1870 and 1871, the figures were as follows:

	1862 to 1861—on an average.....	\$16,400,000
1866 to 1865.....	25,100,000	
1870 to 1869.....	45,900,000	
1876.....	35,400,000	

These figures go to prove that the German export for the years 1872 to 1876 and even in 1876, were considerably higher than in former periods, when the German tariff contained more and higher duties than to-day. More especially in the days previous to the reform effected by the Franco-German treaty of commerce, the export did not amount to one-half of the export in 1876.

Not only *per se*, but also in relation to other countries, the German export to the United States has not lost gained ground. The value of the imports to the United States is stated to be (in millions of dollars) as follows:

	Altogether.	From Gt. Brit'n.	From France.	From Germ'y.
1868 to 1861.....	379.7	124.8	38.5	16.4
1866 to 1865.....	418.0	170.0	29.5	25.1
1870 to 1869.....	586.0	192.5	48.7	45.2
1876.....	474.6	126.8	51.5	35.4

Of the entire import for the years 1858 to 1861, 32.8 came from Great Britain, 10.1 from France, and 4.3 per cent. from Germany, while in 1876 Great Britain supplied but 26.2 per cent. of the total export, France but 10.6 per cent., and Germany 7.4 per cent. Even in 1876, a year by no means favorable, the German export retained a proportionately considerable extension of the market.

This enlargement would appear much more considerable in the commercial statistics of America, if the figures of those statistics really accomplished the object they have in view. But it is by no means the case, because of the manner in which the commercial statistics are prepared. Thus the import is collated according to the invoices, which the foreign exporters had to submit to the legislation of the American consuls. The manufacturers in Alsace have mostly their own houses or commission houses in Paris, which attend to the sales in France and the exports. The American importers purchase the Alsatian goods by houses in Paris and the invoices are legalized by the American Consul in Paris. In this way the entire exports of cottons from Alsace to the United States appears mostly as a part of the French, and not of the German export. Germany, as now constituted, exports, then, considerably more in fact than stated by the American statistics, while the enlargement above named of its export is by no means to be attributed to the influence of the industrial products of Alsace.

Besides, it must not be overlooked that the inevitable consequences of the high tariffs *ad valorem* of the United States are that the values of the goods to be imported are alleged in figures as moderate as possible. As for all other countries, it holds good as well for Germany. On that account you cannot deduce the true figures of German export from the figures of the American statistics. As far as they exhibit a comparison of the different years, they present the conclusion that the German export, though bound, of course, to be behind in the last years in regard to value, still shows a favorable development compared with the times before the Franco-German war.

Direct Trade With Italy.

The establishment of direct commercial intercourse between the United States and Italy, gives promise of large ultimate benefit to both countries. The head of the late Italian Centennial Commission, Count Dassi, who has remained in this country to promote larger and more profitable commercial relations between the United States and his own country, has been for many months engaged in disinterested service having this end in view, and has overcome many obstacles which would have discouraged men of less enterprise and perseverance. There has already been a beginning, and two steamers have made the round trip between Philadelphia and ports on the Italian coast with full and profitable cargoes. Italy, from her geographical position, enjoys a large advantage over the countries of the North in reaching the Eastern trade through the Suez Canal, and her commercial future is full of large possibilities which, if realized, will only repeat those great achievements in the past that faded with the discovery of the route to the East via the Cape of Good Hope. The Suez route restores to Italy the advantage she then lost. We learn from Count Dassi that the prospects of a regular steam service between this country and Italy are very good, and we certainly hope our merchants will extend it every encouragement. The fact that the industrial future of this country depends in great degree upon the development of our export trade, is becoming well understood, and whatever tends to open new markets for American products and manufactures, or to encourage direct exchanges with other nations, merits the liberal co-operation of all who are interested in promoting the national welfare. We regret that, owing to the crowded state of our columns, we cannot consider the subject more fully in this issue.

Life Insurance Association.—The employees of the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. have started, on something of the plan of mutual benefit associations, a miniature life insurance company. The membership will be confined to the employees of the house. They have elected the following officers: W. B. Muan, president; Geo. A. Hamilton, vice-president; Wm. H. Donaldson, secretary and treasurer.

British Iron and Steel Institute.

Second Day's Proceedings Continued.

MANUFACTURE OF COKE.

Mr. A. L. Stevenson, Durham, read a paper "On the manufacture of coke in relation to the iron trade of the North of England." Upon the subject of the Cleveland ironstone, the writer has already had the honor of giving the members of this institution his views, and a review of the facts appertaining to the supply of the requisite fuel, it is hoped, will also be acceptable. The coking coal field of South Durham may be taken as lying almost entirely to the west of the main line of the North Eastern Railway, in the whole length of its course from Bradbury station on the south to Gateshead on the north, and the length of it averaging 23 miles by a width of 11 miles, gives us the original area of 253 square miles; from this, after deducting the quantity already worked and lost in hitches and working, the writer is of opinion that there remains available sufficient to maintain present yield, including coal requirements, for a period of 125 years. But the present demand of 4½ million tons of coke gives no sign of being stationary; on the contrary, since we are told that the amount used per ton of pig iron is not likely to be reduced from its present average of 23 cwt., we may look upon each succeeding yearly increase in the manufacture of pig iron as still further hastening the approach of the final blowing out, unless something more can be accomplished in mitigation of much that is now done, and which may be fitly termed a "burning of the candle at both ends." In 1858, the writer, in a paper read before the North of England Institute of Mining Engineers, pointed out how the mere application of plain flues and chimneys, by protecting the coke ovens and steadying the draft, effected a saving of 3 per cent. in the coke made, in addition to the prevention of smoke and smoke damage to a considerable extent; but although attempts had been then made to utilize the escaping heat, nothing successful had been accomplished, and during this interval of 20 years, which has done so much for the economy of the blast furnace, constant efforts have been made by coke manufacturers, especially by the larger firms, not only, first, to save the great loss in heat incidental to the expulsion of the hydro-carbons in the original coal, but also, secondly, to make available much of the coal which, if used direct from the pit, would be unsuitable from its impurities for the blast furnace. He proceeded to show how far these two objects have been attained. At the Brownley Colliery the ovens are in double rows, back to back as usual, but the flues between are much larger, averaging 6½ feet high and 3 feet 6 inches in width. To each chimney of 120 feet in height are connected about 100 ovens, an equal number on each side, and the flues and boilers, four in number, are so arranged that the heat can be carried past when cleaning or repairs are requisite—the small connecting flues being built as compact and tight as possible, and thus the remarkable freedom from smoke seems owing to the air-tight and perfect character of the flues, the small amount of surplus air present not cooling the gases to a point below which the hydro-carbons escape imperfectly burnt. This has been tested by admitting a large surplus of air, when smoke was immediately evident. Now, as the result of this arrangement, no coals whatever are used for boiler purposes, and the produce of the pit is drawn from a depth of 100 fathoms, and the water pumped, whereas before this system was adopted, 600 tons per fortnight was the amount virtually wasted; and at another colliery belonging to the same firm, and where the small is valuable for coking purposes, the advantages of the system described are equally evident. In order to ascertain the amount of heat available for evaporative purposes, the first step was to measure the volume and temperature of the gases passing to one pair of boilers from fifty ovens coking at the rate of 230 tons of coal in eighty-four hours. The temperature was found to be 1500 deg. Fahr. The volume, measured by taking the velocity of the current in a given length of the flue was ascertained by introducing sodium at one point, and noting the time required to affect a flame, made by putting a little coal into the flue, spectroscopically at another, to be 1187 feet per minute, which multiplied into the area of the flue 24 square feet—28,488 cubic feet per minute. This exceeds by 7205 cubic feet the theoretical quantity of the gases, supposing that only just sufficient atmospheric air is admitted to effect the complete combustion of the known weight of material lost in coking 230 tons of coal; and this 7205 cubic feet represents roughly the unavoidable excess of air used in coking, and the presence of which was evident by the ease with which a piece of charcoal burnt when lowered into the flue. He next spoke of the heat commonly wasted, and said that in the plan described but a small percentage of the total heat generated in the ovens is utilized, although if this was carried out throughout the district of South Durham, where in colliery boilers not more than 6 lbs. of water on an average is evaporated per 1 lb. of coals, we should have a saving of 1,085,869 tons of coal per annum, or a money value of £271,457; but this by no means represents the total saving to the colliery owners; foremen are entirely avoided, with the exception of one man on each shift to attend the boilers, so that the total economy which would be effected, were the system generally adopted in the county, would be fully £300,000 per annum. The second part of the subject for consideration is the means adopted for enabling much of the coal of inferior character and containing a high percentage of ash to be used as furnace coke. The Brockwell seam of coal, which extends over the greater part of the district, is one of the purest and best known coals for coking purposes, but already many others of a quality inferior to it are being worked, and by crushing and washing rendered fit for use. By means of crushing not only small, but to powder, very great advantage has been proved to result, the rough "gas coke" looking pieces being entirely avoided, the coke altogether being much harder, and the ballast or refuse reduced from 2 to 5 per cent. of the whole. Thus experiments made

to test the benefit of coal crushed to powder showed as a result:

	Percentage of coke.	Percentage of ballast.
When crushed.....	59	5
Not crushed.....	58	5

By ballast is meant not only ash, but refuse small coke also. The value of hard coke to the iron manufacturer has been shown to consist in much more than its mere mechanical strength and ability to bear the weight of the burden. Thus Mr. Bell says: "I have proved, however, that the carbon as it exists in different qualities of coke is not influenced in the same degree by the solvent power of CO₂, that of the soft description, known as black ends, being more easily attached than the hard silvery looking kind formerly mentioned." This can readily be understood when we think of the relative combustibility of a piece of soft gas coke in a fire grate, compared with a similar quantity of hard dense coke or a piece of gas carbon. It is no doubt a natural consequence of the physical state of the material. Owing to some peculiar condition of the coals at Brownley Colliery, attributed to the presence of basaltic whin in the immediate vicinity, it was found impossible to make a coke of sufficient density, although nothing was traceable in the analysis, but, by the application of a disintegrator, which will reduce to powder nearly 40 tons per hour, at a cost of not more than ½d. per ton, such an improvement has been effected that the coke is now almost all that can be desired. No change can be detected in the analysis, the chemical composition being such as to make it impossible to trace any cause for the previous imperfection. The washing of coal is best done in an open trough, say 60 feet long, with stoppers or ledges to catch the stones and dirt, and stirred up constantly by hand rakes while the water flows over it. It is an old invention, and has been of great service. No doubt many have a prejudice against washed coke, and say it is never so good as the other, forgetting that coke made from unwashed material is almost always made from a superior original coal. By this means large quantities of the hitherto neglected coal in the eastern districts of the country will no doubt be made available. It seems needless to add more, beyond recording that the total coke ovens now in operation number about 14,000, forming a branch of manufacture which gives employment to about 2000 exceptionally steady hard-working men, and a useful investment for at least a million sterling.

Mr. I. L. Bell said he could confirm to the fullest extent the uncertainty which attends the quality of coke. That was to say, that coke, which apparently one would say was really admirably fitted to be used in blast furnaces, was apt to be productive of great disappointment. He had had abundant and most costly experience of that. Coke made under the circumstances cited by the writer of the paper appeared all that could be desired chemically, and apparently not very bad physically, yet when they came to use it in the blast furnace they found it to be something like 15 to 20 per cent. inferior to coke; no better, chemically speaking. They had to treat it as Mr. Stevenson had described, and although he (Mr. Bell) did not pretend to say that the coke, even now, was equal to the very best in the county of Durham, yet, nevertheless, it was sufficiently good to enable them to use it without much inconvenience to themselves.

The Tunnel Beneath the British Channel.

The London Daily News says: Operations connected with the submarine tunnel have already been commenced on the other side of the Channel, several pits having been sunk to the depth of 110 yards. At the same time the French and English committees have definitely drawn up the conditions of working for the route. The property of the tunnel is to be divided in half by the length—that is to say, each company will possess half of the line, reckoning the distance from coast to coast at low tide. Each company will cover the expense of its portion. The general work of excavation will be done, on the one hand by the Great Northern of France, and on the other by the Chatham and Southeastern companies, the two latter having each a direct route from London to Dover. All the materials of the French and English lines will pass through the tunnel in order to prevent unnecessary expense and delay of transshipment, as in England and in France railway companies use each other's lines, and goods can pass from one line to another without changing vans. It is understood that an arrangement will be established for a similar exchange of lines between all the English and continental railway companies when the tunnel is completed. The tunnel will belong to its founders. At the expiration of thirty years the two governments will be able to take possession of the tunnel upon certain conditions.

A Lubricating Plow.—We read in

Mines, Metals, Arts, &c., of an invention which is said to be practical, but which we should prefer to see at work before investing therein. It "consists in the combination with the mold-board of a plow, of a fountain attachment, introduced between the mold-board and share; also lubrication from the colter on its sides, and to the plow point, through which oil, water, or other liquids may be supplied, whereby the face of the mold-board is caused to pass smoothly and easily through the soil, without the sticking and adhering of the soil. The fountain consists of perforations, or thin slit openings, between the mold-board and the share, which are connected by proper tubes with a tank of oil (or water, which is just as good) to a reservoir, which may be attached to the handles or beam, or, preferably, to a tank or cask on the riding wheels of the plow, whence the lubricating liquid is supplied to the tubes and oozes or passes out through the slits into the colter, share and mold-board, and permitting not only sticky or waxy land to be turned over and broken up, but as well applies to the hard clay soils of any country, in the time for summer and fall plowing." It is said further that "the reservoir may contain 50 gallons of water, or a day's supply in plowing one and a half or two acres." But what do the horses think of the draft of a plow weighted down by 400 pounds of water?

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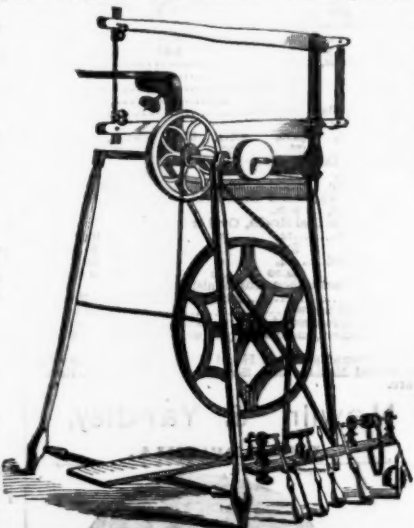
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Height of table above floor.....31 "
Diameter of table.....6 "
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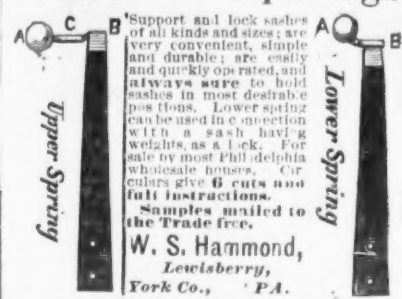


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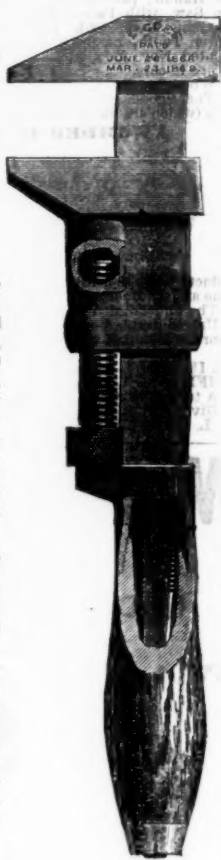
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The "**RING**" manufacturers of Clothes Wringers having been **defeated** in their application for a preliminary injunction against us in the Western District of Pennsylvania, and being at a loss what to do next to lead the public into the belief that they own patents controlling all inventions in the line of Clothes Wringers, are out in the Oct. 25th issue of *The Iron Age* with what **THEY CALL** "A Statement of Facts." Knowing something about these things ourselves, we take the liberty to state some of the **FACTS KNOWN TO US**.

The granting of a preliminary injunction is **never** refused **in any district** when there is **no doubt of the validity of the patent** on which it is asked, and the infringement is clear. True, in some districts very little discretion is used in granting such injunctions, and the "Ring" have always selected such districts in which to bring their suits if possible.

THE ALLENDER PATENT for Wringing Machines has **NEVER** been "**thoroughly tested**" before any court in the United States, and there never has been but one decree rendered in its support where the merits of the case **CAME BEFORE THE COURT**; that was in the case of the Bailey Wringing Machine Co. vs. Lincoln, in the Eastern District of Mass., and although the case was poorly defended, there was but one single point lacking to have entirely invalidated the patent, and that point **WE ARE FULLY PREPARED TO SUPPLY**. In every other case where a decree has been rendered, the suits **never went to final trial**, but the decrees were obtained through **default, collusion or settlement**.

There are no suits commenced in the United States against F. F. Adams & Co. on the Keystone or any other Wringer made by them, except the suit in the Western District of Pa., where the "Ring" have been **defeated on the preliminary injunction**, and where we have **not a doubt they will be defeated in the final trial**, and where they will always find us ready and willing to meet them with a **full defense** against **ANY PATENT OWNED BY ANY OF THEM** on which they wish to take issue.

Such suits as they have seen fit to commence against persons who may have sold a few of our Wringers—as in the cases of Burnett Cunningham and James Patterson—they have brought simply to annoy us, and are of no consequence, as they only prevent **those parties** from **selling** the Wringers. If they have so great faith in the **validity** of their patents and their ability to sustain them, why do they not commence suits against **us at once**, in our district, as they will have to do before they can stop the manufacture of these Wringers?

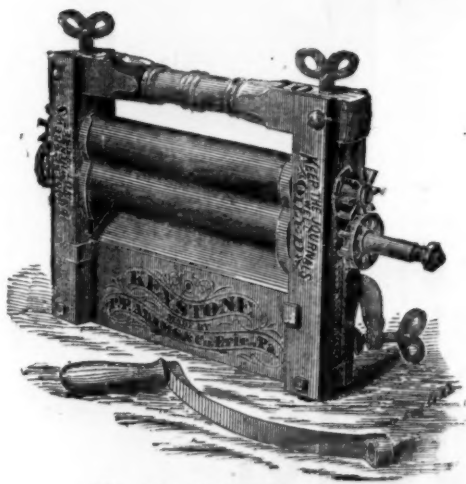
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If the gentlemen comprising this "Ring" are not satisfied with **our** "statement of facts," we shall be pleased to enter more into detail. There are many items of interest on record, from time to time, and many things in the state of the art in this class of machines that are quite interesting, from which we could supply a chapter each week on Clothes Wringing Machines and the manipulation of patents by "Rings" for some time.

Respectfully,

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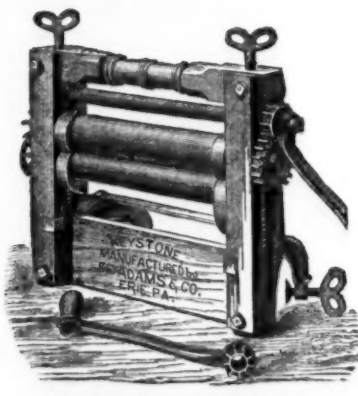
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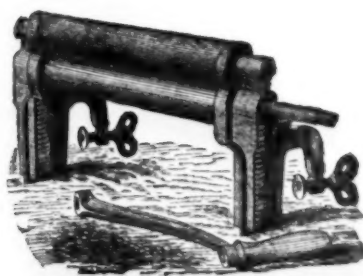
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INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MAINE.

The furnaces at the Katahdin Iron Works, at Brownville, are not in operation, but large quantities of the crude ore are shipped for manufacture into paint. The ore is largely impregnated with sulphur, and has to be roasted to prepare it for smelting into iron. It is placed in kilns and subjected to fire heat for 2 days, shrinking one-quarter. It takes about 16 cords of wood to roast 100 tons of ore. It is then smelted in kilns with lime and charcoal. The works consume 12,000 cords of wood per year. The ore yields some 50 per cent. of iron.

The Edgemoggin Silver Mine, at Sedgewick, now employ 80 hands, and will continue work through the winter. There are over 1000 tons of ore ready for smelting, which shows a yield of \$100 of silver to the ton and \$20 of gold, with lead enough to pay for mining and smelting each ore. Smelting works of large capacity and modern improvements will be in operation soon, under the care of Prof. Harrington, of Worcester, Mass.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Manchester Locomotive Works, at Manchester, recently shipped 3 locomotives to the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs road.

There is some rivalry among the Granite State manufacturing companies in the matter of chimneys. The one recently finished by the Nashua Iron and Steel Company, which is 100 feet high, is surpassed by one just completed at Manchester which is 125 feet high and 8 feet in diameter inside at the top. Upward of 125,000 bricks were used in its construction. It is the largest chimney in that section.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Lincoln Iron Foundry, owned by R. B. Lincoln, at Washington Village, was burned on Friday evening, the 26th ult. Loss, \$25,000; fully insured.

The Franconia Iron and Steel Company, Wareham, are driven up with business in their mills. Reports say that the company are to put on a night gang on account of the many orders they have to fill.

Among the recent shipments to Europe by the Waltham Watch Company was a lot of 200 stem-winding watches, on the order of the British government, for the use of conductors and engineers of one of the State railroads of India. This order was obtained by the London agency in competition with foreign manufacturers. Business at the Waltham factory is very active.

By the buying up of the Middleboro Shovel Company's business, the last hope of the re-establishment of the once thriving shovel business in Middleboro has disappeared, and most of the experienced shovel makers are removing to East Taunton.

CONNECTICUT.

Ground has been broken for a new rolling mill at Bridgeport. It will be 200 feet long by 140 feet wide. The principal articles of manufacture will be all kinds and sizes of copper and brass, and iron piping, steam radiators, &c., which will be made by machinery invented by Mr. Wilmot. Sheet tin in strips of 100 feet in length will also be rolled out by his new process. The building is to be erected at once, and the machinery will all be in running order before the 1st of January. An engine of 300 horse-power is being built expressly for these works, and it is calculated that several hundred hands will be employed.

A large quantity of the metal for cartridge shells for the Turks and Russians is made at Wolcottville, and the brass mill there is running night and day, making the general business of the town very good. The amount of war material which is being manufactured in this country for the European combatants is prodigious. On Tuesday, the steamer J. B. Walker sailed from New Haven for Constantinople with nearly \$2,000,000 worth of munition and ammunition for the Turks.

The Hartford Foundry and Machine Company are building a 20 by 45 inch Woodruff & Beach engine for a paper mill in Dalton, Mass. The fly-wheel is 16 feet diameter, with 32-inch face, and weighs 13 tons. They are just finishing for P. Adams' paper mill, Buckland, a lot of 5-inch and 5 1/2-inch shafting, the pulleys being turned, inside and outside, and balanced.

The Pratt & Whitney Co., Hartford, are doing a good business in their manufacture of taps and dies under the Grant patent and their improvements. They manufacture, for hand and machine work, both the United States standard and the Whitworth (England) standard, and lately they have received orders of considerable extent for the Whitworth standard, a Georgia railroad company ordering a complete set for all their shops. The dies and taps made by the Pratt & Whitney Company are so constructed that they cut, at one operation, the rounded Whitworth thread just as well as the common V thread or the abased V thread of the United States standard. The company is building, for S. W. Green, Jacob street, New York, a double set of type setting and type distributing machines, 12 of each.

The Branford Lock Works, Branford, report exceptionally busy times. They inform us that the number of hands now employed is 250, being an increase of 40 since last July. In the works their daily average production is 350 dozen locks, and an equal number of knobs. They have recently added to their assortment a line of bronze goods, including locks, knobs, escutcheons, &c., and it is intended to still further increase their line by the addition, next January, of a complete assortment of lock trimmings and kindred goods in Berlin bronze. As an evidence of the growth of their business, they state that they have added 200 names to their list of customers since last June, and have recently received an order from a Western house for 2600 dozen locks and 1800 dozen knobs. They are six weeks behind their orders, and are running the works 13 hours per day. Next January the company will issue a revised edition of their illustrated catalogue, showing, in addition to the goods presented in their 1876 catalogue, the large variety that has since been added. The company carry a stock of goods at their warehouse, No. 107

Chambers street, New York, and have established agencies in Boston, Baltimore, San Francisco and Philadelphia. Mr. Thomas Kennedy is president of the company.

NEW YORK.

The Niagara Bridge Works, at Buffalo, have just completed a riveted lattice bridge, 450 feet long and 150 feet high, over Watkins Glen, on the Syracuse, Geneva and Corning road.

The Rome rail mill reports a good deal of inquiry for iron rails.

The Brooks Locomotive Works, at Dunkirk, have sold four freight engines to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, and have an order in hand for locomotives for the New York Elevated Railroad.

NEW JERSEY.

Peter Oberg & Co., of Paterson, have leased the forge at Bloomingdale, which has been idle for the past three years, and are manufacturing coal-blast charcoal scrap blooms.

The Cumberland Iron Works, at Bridgeton, have more work on hand now than at any time for several years past. The pipe mill is running night and day on orders from California for gas pipe.

The Mercer Rubber Company, at Trenton, have just completed an order from one of the largest steel spring manufacturers in the country for over 5000 pounds of rubber car springs. The springs are for use on a large order for cars now being filled by a Western car builder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Warwick Furnace Company, of Pottstown, have instructed Mr. P. L. Weiner, of the Weimer Machine Works, Lebanon, to prepare the plans for the rebuilding of their furnace and to put it in running order as soon as possible. Warwick Furnace has been very unfortunate from some cause or other, having chilled up three times in succession after a few weeks' blast.

The I. P. Morris Iron Company has brought suit against the stockholders of the Keely Motor Company, in Philadelphia, for a claim for material furnished.

The Reading Stove Works of Orr, Painter & Co. are very busy, doing an extensive home trade as well as sending their manufactured goods to various parts of the South and West. The establishment is one of the most prosperous in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The No. 2 Furnace of the Pennsylvania Iron Works went into blast on the 12th ult. The mill owned by the Philadelphia Coal and Iron Company, at Reading, is running 5 days per week, employing about 300 men. The mill consists of 12 single puddling furnaces with a yearly capacity of 6500 tons of puddled bars, 8 heating furnaces and 2 reheating furnaces, capable of furnishing 20,000 gross tons of finished rails annually.

The first rail made by this mill was in March, 1868, and all the rails manufactured in 1873, '74 and '75 have not been laid on the track. This generally would seem to show the uniform excellence and durability of the rails turned out by their process. On the whole, two-thirds old rails and one-third puddled iron is used in the manufacture of these rails.

Martha Furnace, at Huntingdon, will go into blast about November 1st.

Owing to a pressure of orders, the nail feeders of the Etna Iron Works, New Castle, are compelled to work from 6 o'clock in the morning till 9 o'clock at night. The iron business in New Castle is said to be better now than it has been for the past three or four years.

The Sharon Herald says: At the New Mill, everything is on double turn. Keel Ridge Furnace is still doing well. At the Westerman Works, same as last week, only the nail factory and sheet mill are on. The blast furnaces are both doing well as usual. The bloom mill at the Stewart Iron Works went into operation on Monday of last week, the 22d ult. There were only two furnaces lighted up, as they were unwilling to risk more until the hammer and "telegraph" were tested by actual work. There were three heats hammered out, which appeared to satisfy those concerned in the matter of the machinery. The telegraph works a trifle rusty, but the operators say "she'll work all right with a bit of grease." The other six furnaces were lighted on Monday night, the 22d ult. Blast furnace No. 2 is working away as usual. Lining brick for No. 1 are on the ground. They are made by Harbison & Walker. They are a new brick in this neighborhood, and appear a little soft, but when broken show good in the inside.

Messrs. Knauer & Moritt, who formerly had a forge at Knauertown, Chester county, have purchased a tract of land a short distance below Douglassville Station, adjoining the Reading Railroad, on the farm of Richard T. Leaf, and on Monday the 22d ult. broke ground for the erection of a new forge which will have eight fires.

A furnace belonging to Hon. G. Dawson Coleman, Lebanon county, produced 41 tons of pig iron in 24 hours.

The Chester Rolling Mill is running double turn and employing about 150 hands.

The Philadelphia and Erie shops at Renovo, are full of work. Besides the usual repair work there are 10 of the Pennsylvania engines damaged in the Pittsburgh fire at the shops to be rebuilt.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad is to be laid with steel rails over its entire length.

The Maidencreek Iron Company are enlarging the rolling mill at Blandon by putting in an additional 30 feet attachment. A new engine and set of rollers have also been put in, and the rolling mill will start in operation in a few days.

The iron ore mines of the Warwick Iron Company, near Boyertown, have ceased operations for 5 weeks, during which time, however, the pumps will be kept going.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The iron mill of Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, in the 29th ward, began running double turn Monday, the 22d ult., thus giving employment to an additional number of hands. The firm are having a pier constructed in the river opposite their works, with a view to facilitating the unloading of iron ore from boats.

The American Iron Works, Jones & Laughlin's, in the 24th ward, still continue in full operation, employing over 2000 hands. The firm has decided to build an addition, 80

feet in extent, to the polishing mill, and work upon it has been commenced.

Painter's rolling mill has been running double turn uninterruptedly since the 8th of July last, with the exception of 1 week during the riot excitement. About 600 hands are employed, and the mill has a capacity for turning out 100 tons of iron every 24 hours. The specialty is hoop iron.

The Pittsburgh Locomotive Works recently completed 2 heavy freight engines for the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago road.

Porter, Bell & Co. recently shipped 2 narrow-gauge engines to the Colorado Central Road, and have others under way for lines in Ohio and Texas.

The Pittsburgh Locomotive and Car Works are making 3 oil well boilers per week.

Messrs. Hubbard, Bakewell & Co., the saw and shovel manufacturers, are running a portion of their works at night.

Messrs. Morris & Marshall's foundry seems to have an abundance of orders for blast furnace, house front and other heavy castings.

A prominent steel works in this city has just filled an order for a carload of tool steel, to be shipped by express. The charges were about \$1400 on it.

Mr. John Roney, the iron founder, states that for the past 6 weeks his establishment has had an abundance of orders, and, of course, is running full.

A large iron firm in the 12th ward state that they have just received an order for the iron from which to build a bridge at prices that will net them a fair profit. This firm for the past two years have only taken such orders as they could clear themselves on, preferring loss of trade to a loss of money on each item.

VERMONT.

In August last the Fairbanks Scale Works at St. Johnsbury shipped 50 car loads of scales.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Bellaire Nail Works, Wheeling, stock sold on Thursday, the 25th ult., by Hervey & Britt, brought \$92 per share. Ten shares were disposed of.

NORTH CAROLINA.

North Carolina claims to have 81 gold mines.

OHIO.

James' Rolling Mill and one of the scrap hammers of the forge, at Cuyahoga Falls, have been leased by Mr. S. Matherson, who will hereafter operate them.

The Hubbard Rolling Mill has been repaired, and in about three weeks will commence running again. An agent is out on the road now soliciting orders.

Not long since the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company turned out at their new rod mill, in nine working hours, 51,030 pounds of No. 4 steel wire rods.

The Cleveland White Lead Works of J. H. Morley & Co. now employ about 50 hands, and have all the work they can do. Their shipments are principally to New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana and throughout this State.

Messrs. R. T. Coombs and E. C. Adams, proprietors of the Forest City Plating Works, No. 22 Canal street, are now doing some fine work in gold, silver, nickel and copper plating. They make a specialty of head-light reflectors and car work. Their business is much better this season than last.

The old James Ward Rolling Mill and Furnace, at Niles, was sold at assignee's sale on Monday, the 23d ult. The former was bid off by P. M. Hitchcock, of Cleveland, for \$10,000; the furnace by A. M. Robbins, of Niles, for \$4500.

At Ironton, the Belfont Mill is idle now; will probably not continue so long. The Lawrence Mill is in the full tide of operation. Laubert & Gordon are employed principally on the machinery for Sarah Furnace; have about two months' work yet on it. The Belfont Furnace is still on the move and running satisfactorily. The quietness about the Iron and Steel furnace and mill is profound, and will know no waking for some time to come.—Ironton Register.

The Columbus Bridge Works of D. H. & C. C. Morrison, at Dayton, have been in successful operation for upward of 40 years.

The Clinton Furnace property, has been sold to Wm. Kinney for \$15,000.

The Gaylord Rolling Mill Company, Cincinnati, claim to have a process of their own for making steel which is superior to the Siemens-Martin or Bessemer. Mr. Coleman, late of Louisville, Ky., has succeeded to the management of this mill, vice Mr. Green.

The Peerless Wringer Company, at Cincinnati, have made very large sales of their wringers this year, and are now running their works full 9 hours per day on order.

The Straub Mill Company, at Cincinnati, are running their works full 9 hours, and are quite busy, with prospect of a fair business during the coming winter. Their sales have been large in the Southern States this year. The Straub Mill combines great strength with compactness and durability. It is receiving much favor in the South and West.

ILLINOIS.

All the zinc works of LaSalle and Peru are now again in full blast, and it is expected that the LaSalle and Peru coal mines will soon follow the example of the Kenosha mine in resuming work at 80 cents per ton and rough-and-tumble work.

The Monmouth Iron and Nail Company have received license to organize with a capital of \$500,000, at Monmouth.

The 80 short-shift furnacemen who quit work at the Matthiessen & Hegler zinc works, in LaSalle, because of a reduction of their wages from \$1.75 to \$1.50 per day, all resumed work on the 20th ult. at the last-named wages.

KENTUCKY.

The Mount Savage Furnace is out of blast, and men are at work on the new hearth and a change of tuyere arrangement, it having been decided to change from one to two tuyeres. This work and the putting up of a cold-blast smoke-stack will take two more weeks, when the furnace will again resume blowing. With 300 loads of charcoal on hand and 350 more to come in, this blast will last till the middle of February. Of ore there are 2000 tons of choicest quality on hand, and additional supplies are coming in at the

rate of 20 tons a day, for which \$2.25 per ton is paid in store goods.

The great Gaylord Furnace at Newport, which is said to have cost seven years ago \$150,000 to build, is being torn down.

The repairs at Swift's rolling mill are nearly completed, and work will be resumed in a few days.

IOWA.

The Clinton Bridge Company have orders for several Howe truss bridges for the Chicago, Dubuque and Minnesota road.

MICHIGAN.

No. 1 stack of the Pioneer Furnace, destroyed by fire a little over three or four months ago, was blown in on the 16th ult., and made its first cast the morning following. The massive machinery has worked like a charm since being put in operation.

Detroit is shipping pig iron to Harrisburg, Pa., for special purposes.

The Eureka Iron Company's furnace, at Wyandotte, will blow out about the middle of December.

The silver smelting works, at Wyandotte, under their new manager, Mr. Thomas McFarlan, are said to be doing excellently.

The Humboldt Iron Company are about building a side track from the new shaft-house connecting with the Republic branch, near the Edwards mine store.

The following shows the total shipments of ore to October 16 from the district for the season, together with those of a corresponding period last year:

	1876.	1877.
From Marquette.....	413,179	491,554
From Escanaba.....	315,439	324,706
From L'Anse.....	75,555	54,422
Total.....	803,873	870,682

Showing an increase of 66,809 gross tons. Mining Journal.

Southern Trade.

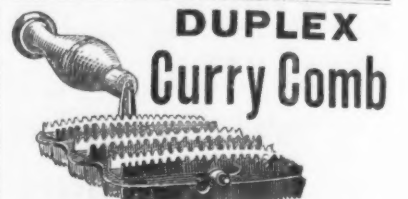
The Philadelphia North American says: The remarkable revival of the Southern trade this season has not been sufficiently commented upon by the journals of the Northern commercial cities. Of the fact itself there can be no doubt. Whatever the causes may have been, the recovery has been general and surprising. It was looked for last spring, but failed to make its appearance on account of the political agitation and uncertainty. But with the lapse of time and the harmonizing of the jarring sections, commercial confidence seemed to spread and to acquire strength. Surprise has frequently been felt and expressed in former years, that this restoration of Southern trade had not followed the resumption of Southern crops, mining and manufactures. It was said, however, that the deficiency was among the Southern merchants and tradesmen, who regarded the situation with nervous apprehension, and therefore made no effort in the way of business enterprise.

Owing to this cause, the usual exertions of the British manufacturers and merchants, after the civil war, to take advantage of the intense animosity between North and South to monopolize the trade of the latter, utterly failed of success. To the same cause may be traced the embarrassments of Southern railways, and the failures of some important Southern industries. Since the settlement of the Southern question was made by the Hayes administration, the absence of all public agitation has been followed by a revival of business at the South, and the result is seen in the large amount of sales to that section by the Northern commercial cities during what is usually termed the fall trade. The trade of that section was always large and valuable before the war, and perhaps the proportion of losses sustained in it was not larger on the average than those formerly incurred in the Western trade. In the prosperous times of that traffic, many of the largest Northern jobbing houses in New York and Philadelphia made it their chief aim. Two classes of goods were in great demand at the South—the costliest and the cheapest. But since the war, the demand for the former has been very small. Now it seems to be setting in again, and this it is which gives the Southern trade its peculiar value. There has been a growing belief among shrewd Northern observers, that there must be much more money at the South than the country wore the appearance of having. This was based on the profits of the crops since the war and the extreme closeness and economy practiced by the Southern planters and well-to-do classes. And the remarkable activity of the Southern trade this season appears to sustain the view. It is manifest that since the war millions of dollars have gone South to move the crops, and have remained there and not returned to us again.

Most of the Southern cities and towns are now much larger, more populous and more flourishing than they were; and though the inevitable report from all of them since the war has been one of poverty and want of means, there has this season been a mysterious change. Money has come out of its hiding places. Trade has loomed large where little was expected, and things generally are rapidly assuming the old aspect. It is true that the ruin wrought by the total destruction of all the wealth invested in the Confederate cause left a fearful waste at the South. But a wholesome period of hard work, stringent economy and close management has done wonders, and it is no exaggeration to say that the average condition of the Southern people is very much improved over what it was in 1860. This will be rendered more apparent hereafter by the progress of trade.

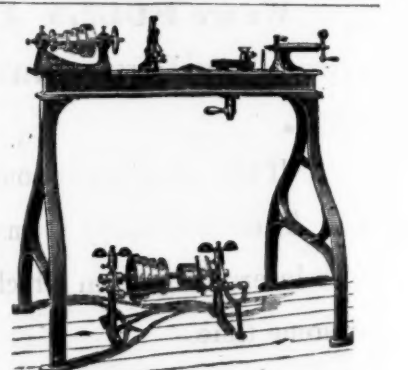
The Composition of the Sun.—A discovery of importance to science is announced by Dr. Henry Draper, of Hastings-on-the-Hudson. It is well known to stu-

dents of the spectroscopy that while the black lines that indicate the presence of metallic vapors are so abundant in the solar spectrum as to leave no room for doubting that most, if not all the metals are ignited in the sun, there is yet an absence of the lines that characterize nearly all the non-metallic substances. Hydrogen is excepted from this sweeping rule, but there are many reasons for classing that gas with the metals. Various theories have been put forward to explain the absence of non-metallic lines from the solar spectrum, and the fact has even been used to throw a doubt over the nebular hypothesis, which necessarily assumes that the constituents of the sun cannot greatly differ from those of the earth. Dr. Draper's discovery, if it be confirmed, shows that at least one—and probably several—non-metallic substances are present in the sun. In a paper read before the American Philosophical Society last month, he gave the details of experiments which appear to prove that oxygen forms one of the sun's constituents. Its presence is indicated in the spectrum, not by black but by bright lines. To make this more apparent, Dr. Draper has photographed with the spectrum of the sun a "comparison spectrum" of common air, the air being ignited by the electric sparks of a Leyden jar. The "comparison spectrum" gives the bright lines of oxygen and nitrogen, and also (from the terminals of the battery used) those of aluminum and iron. The lines of the metals serve to check the accuracy with which the two spectra—of the sun and of air—are matched.



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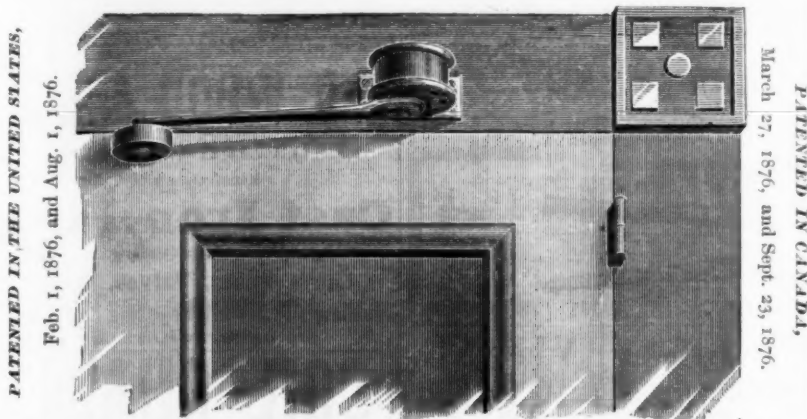
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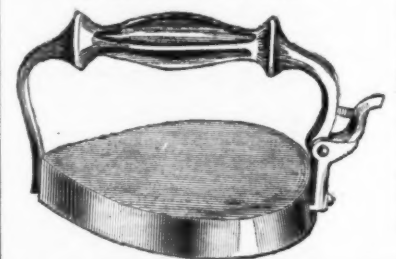
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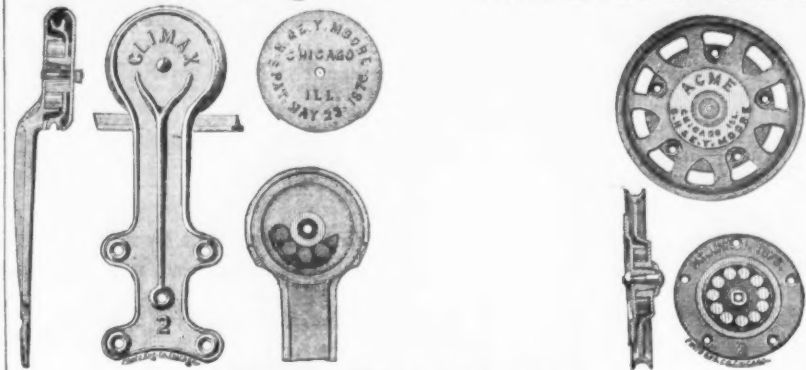
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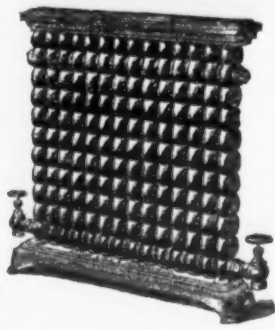
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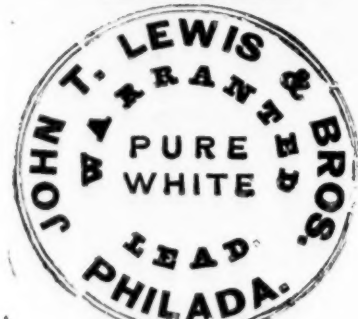
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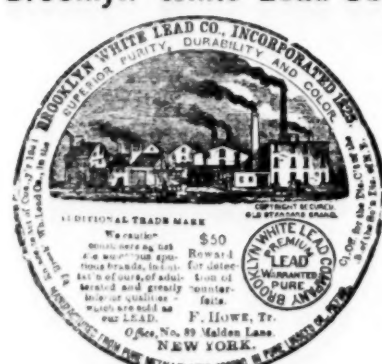
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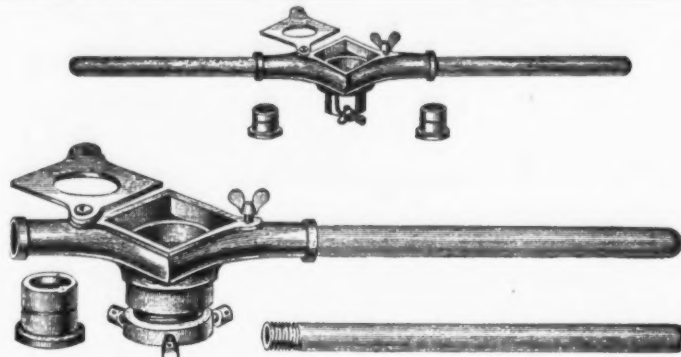
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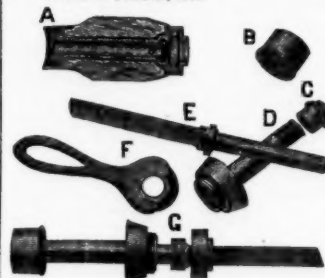
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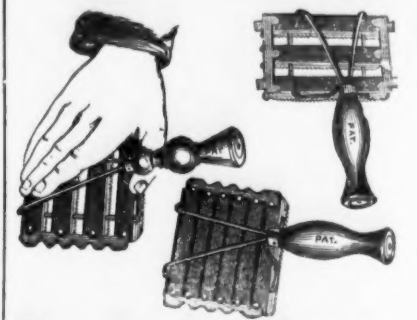
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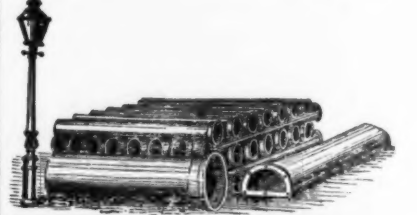
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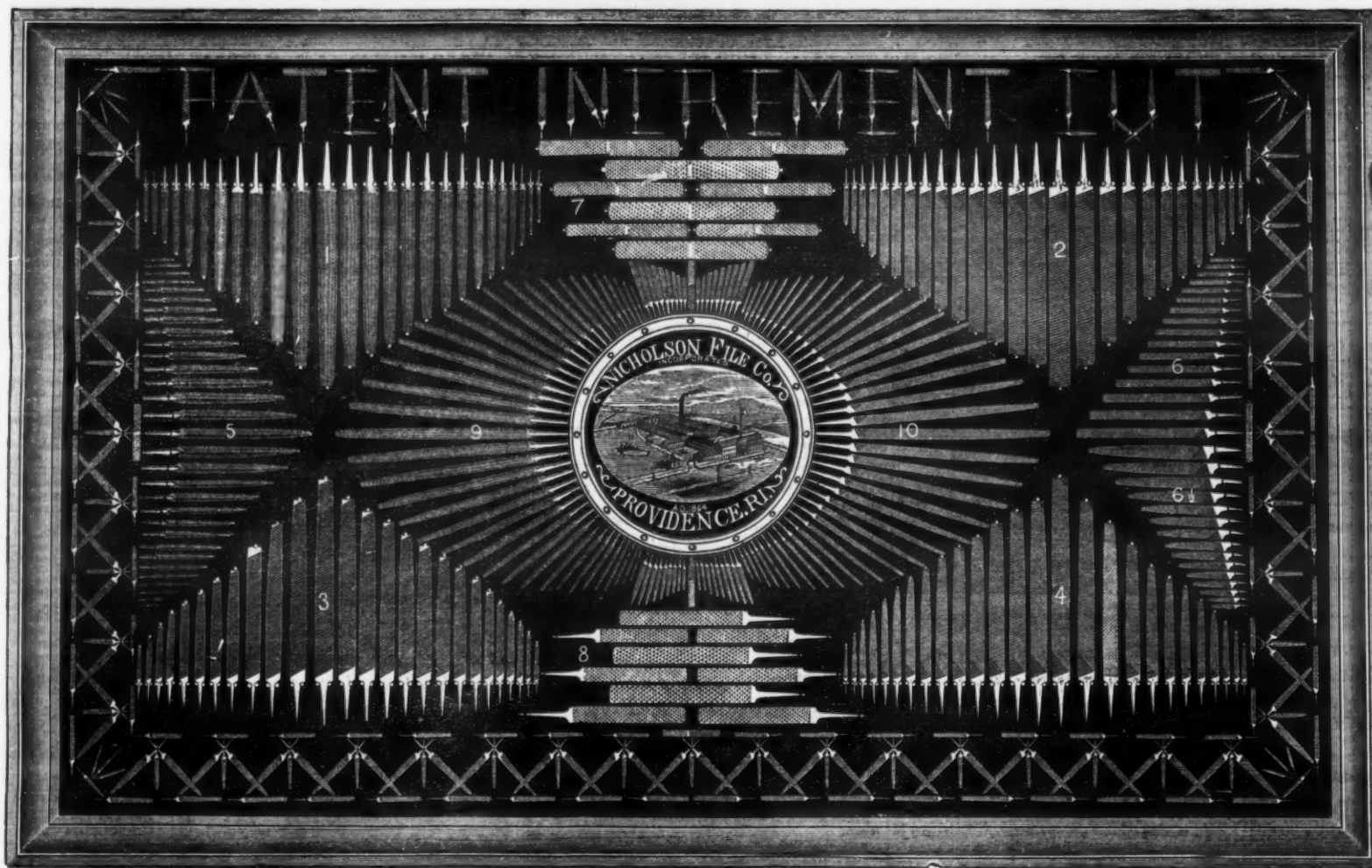
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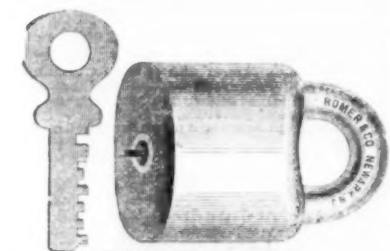


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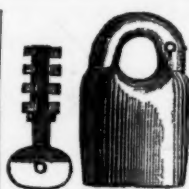
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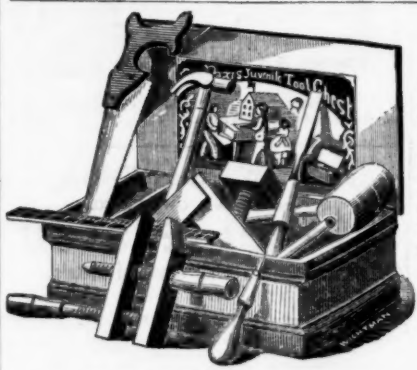
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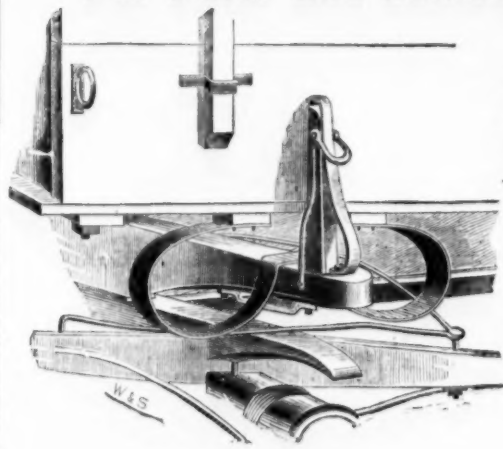
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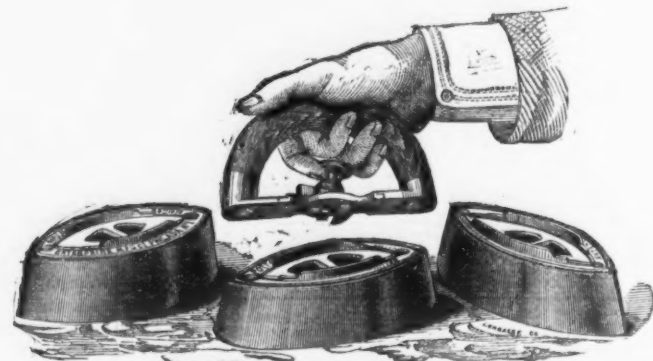
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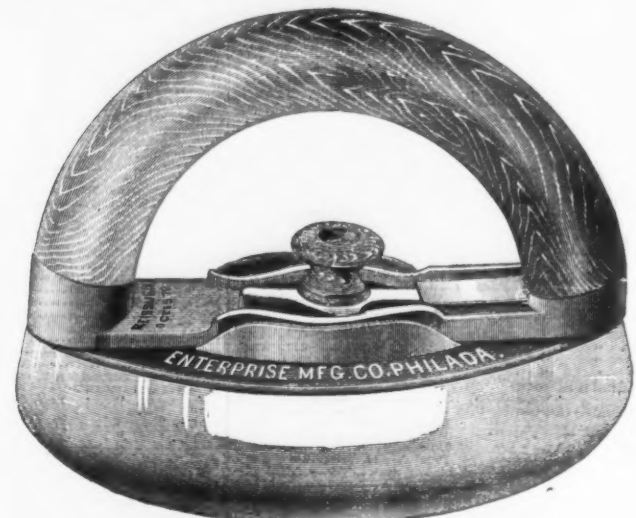
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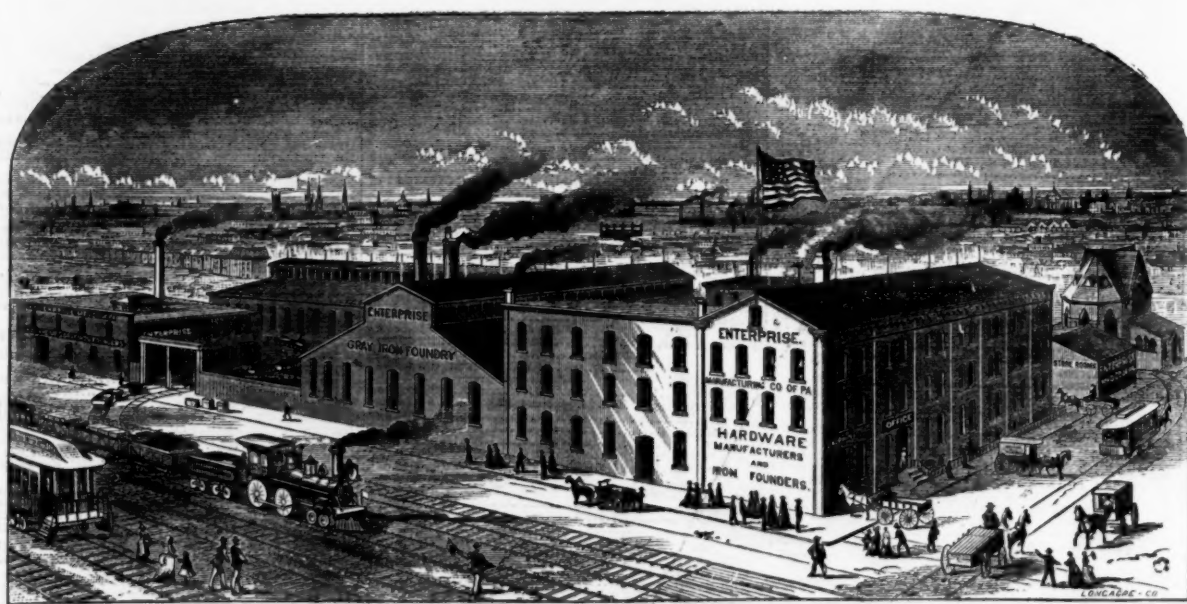
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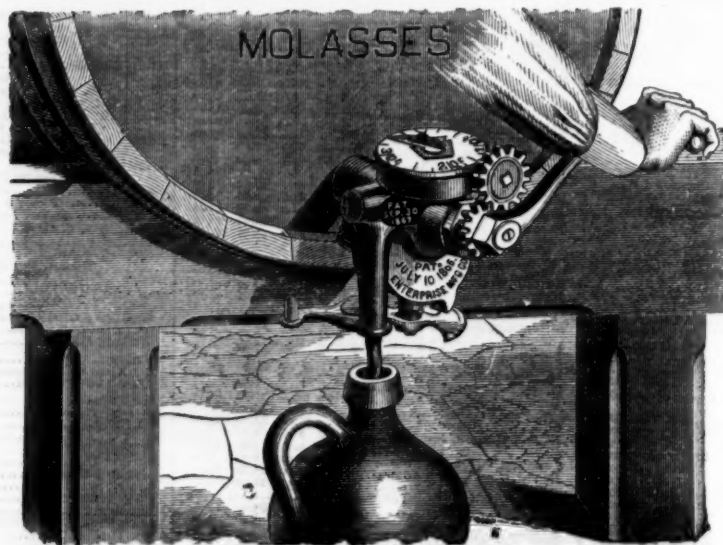
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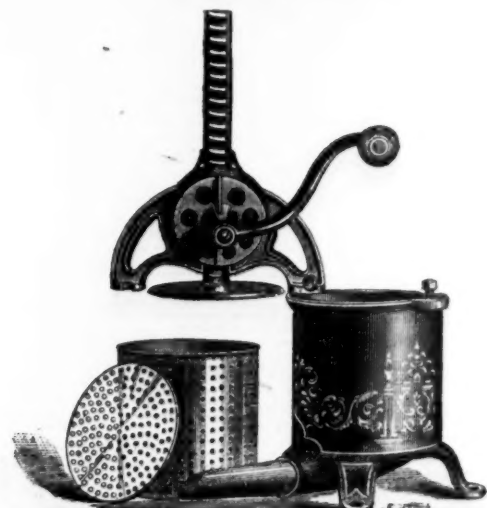
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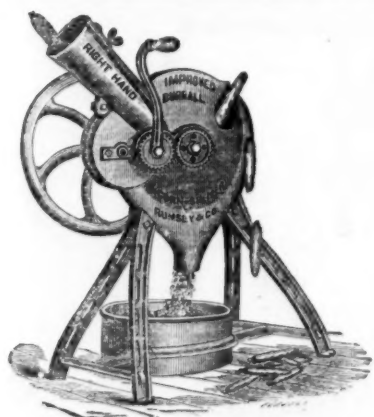
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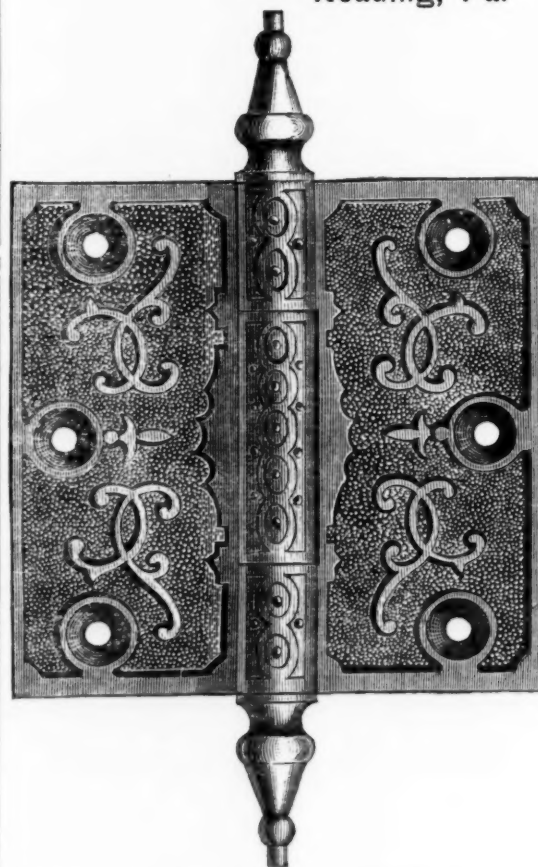
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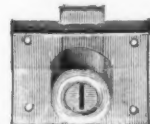
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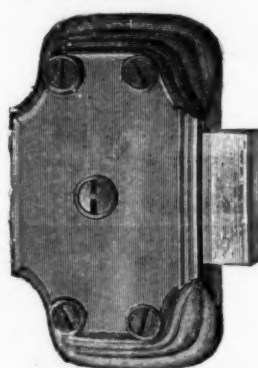
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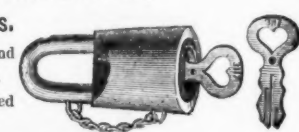
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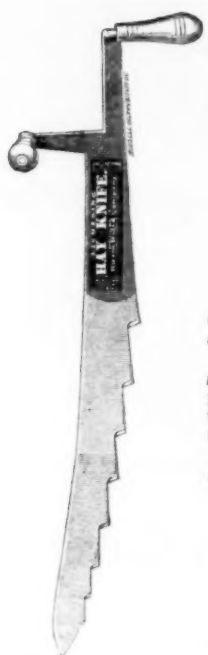
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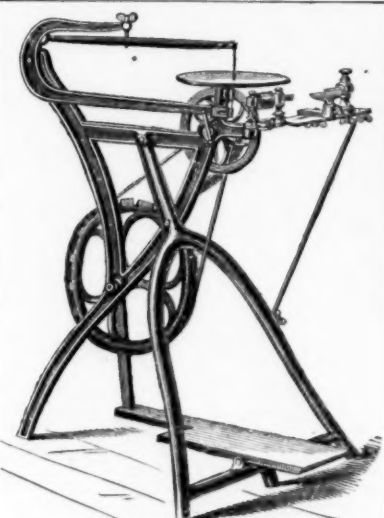
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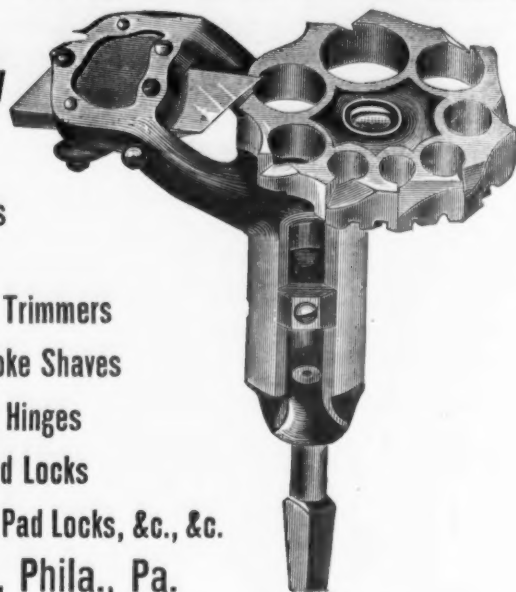
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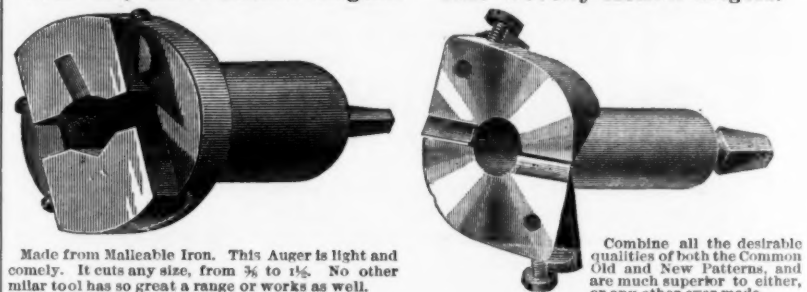
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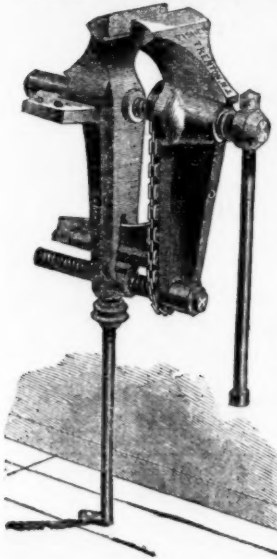
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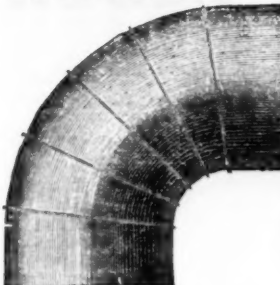
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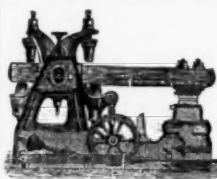
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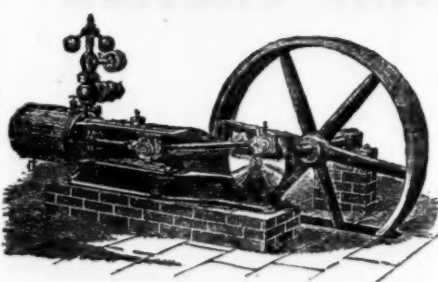
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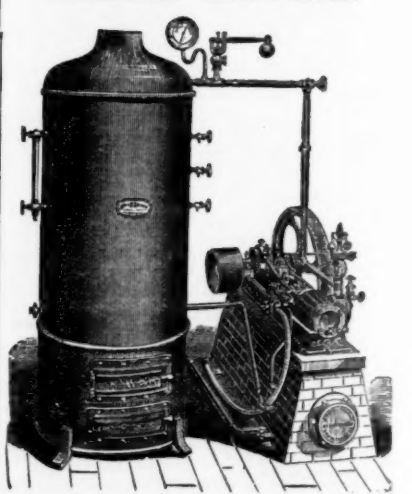
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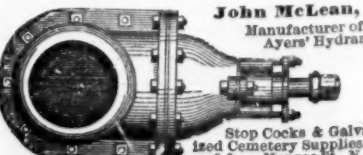
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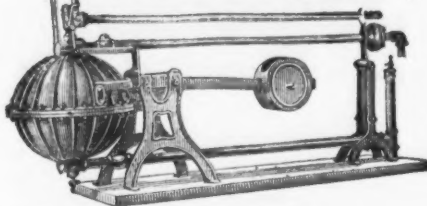
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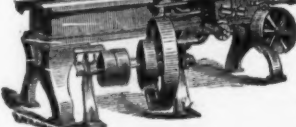
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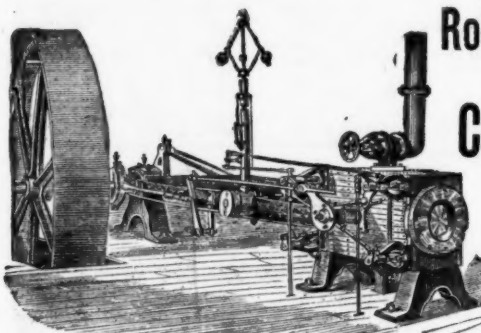
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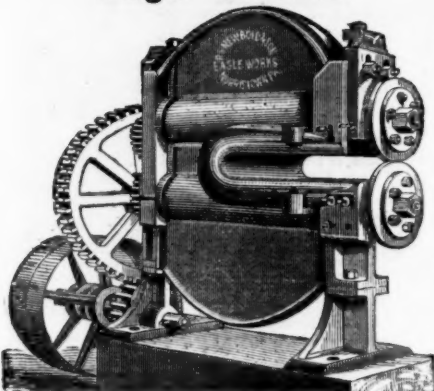
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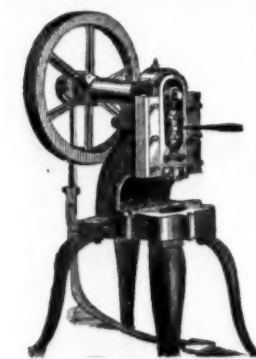
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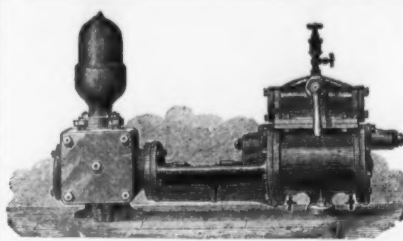
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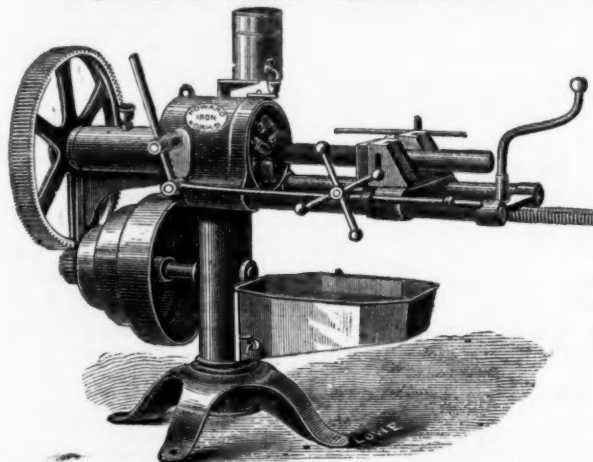
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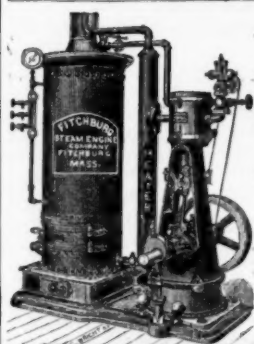
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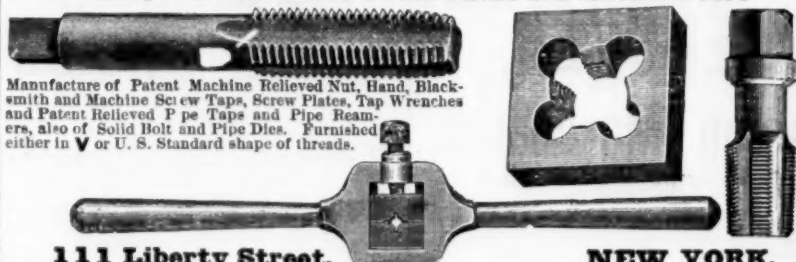
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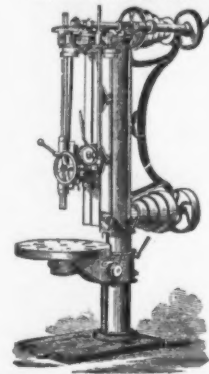
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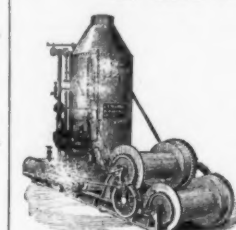
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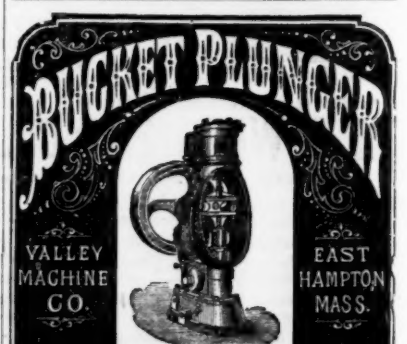
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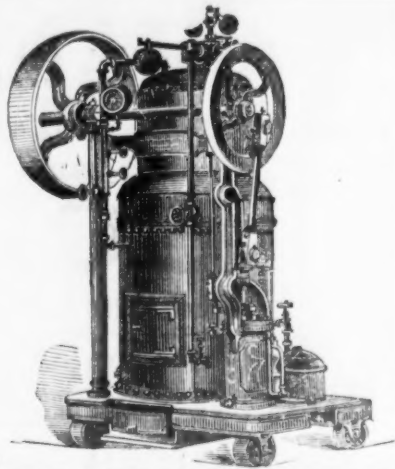
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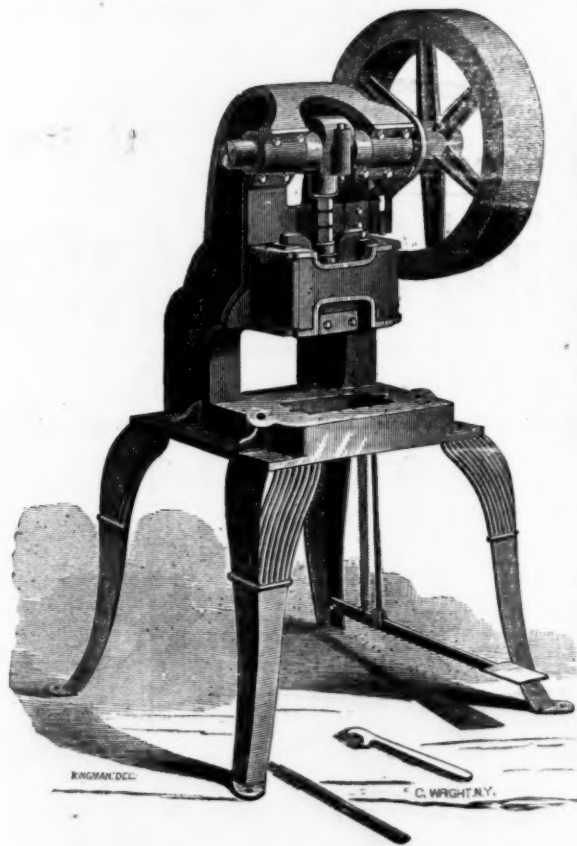
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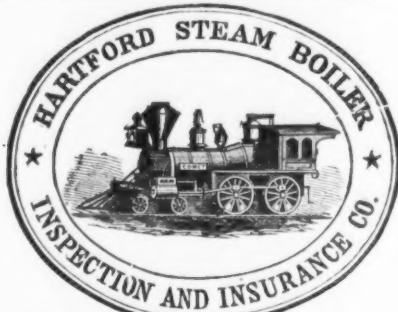
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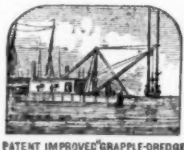
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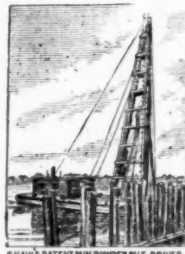
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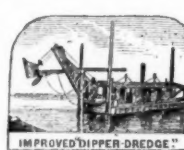
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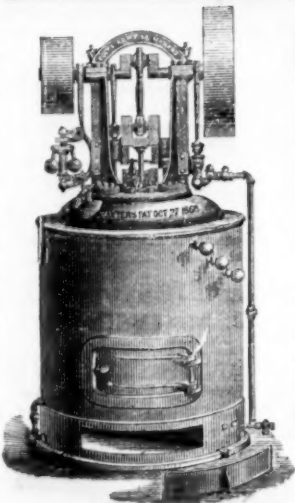
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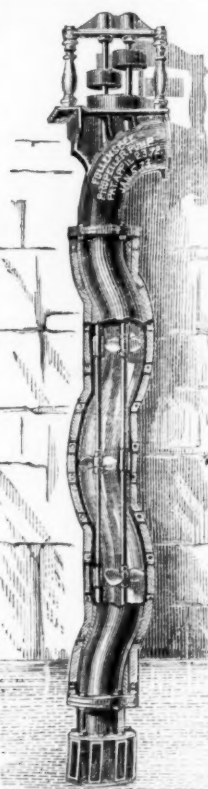
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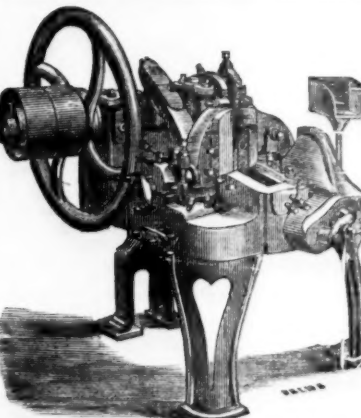
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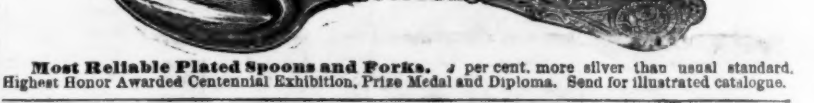
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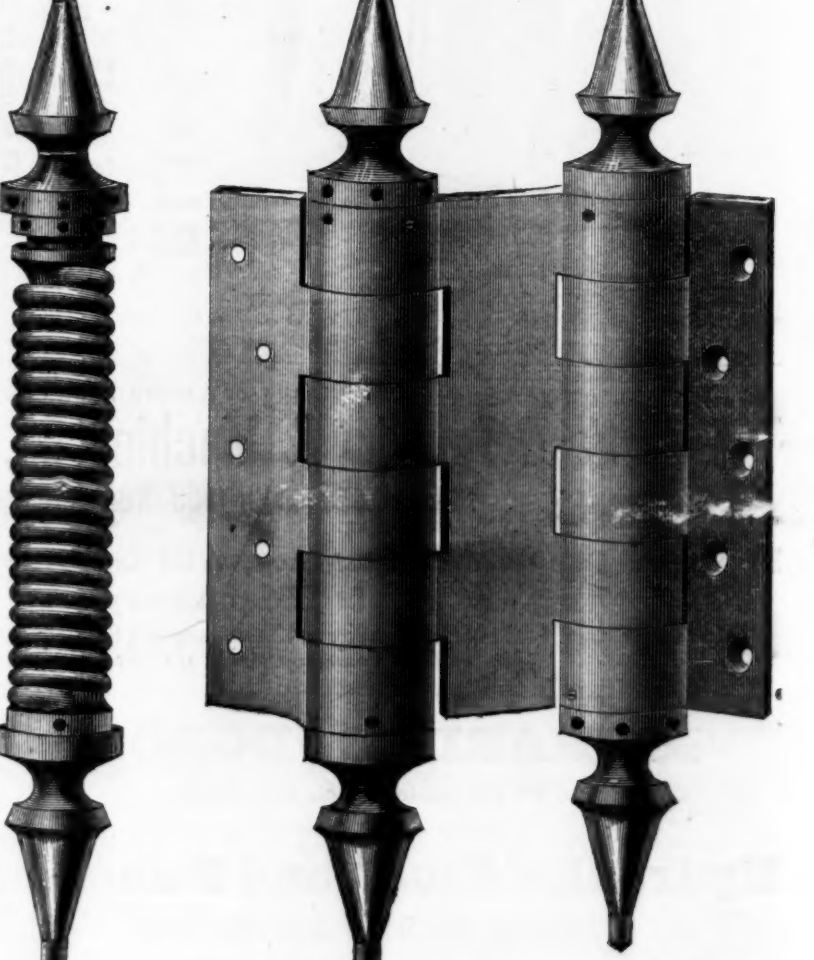


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